

# DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING

## ORGANIZATION BOARD

December 13, 2023

## MINUTES OF MEETING

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board met on December 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Long Leaf Conference Room, located in the Central Pines Regional Council. The following people were in attendance:

Javiera Cabellero (Vice Chair)	City of Durham
Carl Rist (Member)	City of Durham
Wendy Jacobs (Member)	Durham County
Jamezetta Bedford (Member)	Orange County
Danny Nowell (Member)	Town of Carrboro
Camille Berry (Member)	Town of Chapel Hill
Mark Bell (Member)	Town of Hillsborough
Joe Geigle (Non-Voting Member)	Federal Highway Administration

Nida Allam (Alternate)*	Durham County
Nish Trivedi (TC Chair)	Orange County
Tracy Parrott	NCDOT, Division 5
Brandon Jones	NCDOT, Division 5
David Keilson*	NCDOT, Division 5
Patrick Wilson*	NCDOT, Division 7
Stephen Robinson*	NCDOT, Division 7
Nishant Shah*	NCDOT, Division 7
Bryan Kluchar*	NCDOT, Division 8
Bergen Watterson*	Town of Chapel Hill
Josh Mayo*	Town of Chapel Hill
Matt Cecil*	Town of Chapel Hill
Ben Berolzheimer*	Town of Chapel Hill
Brandon Dawson*	Chatham County
Tina Moon*	Town of Carrboro
Matt Day	Central Pines Regional Council
Jay Heikes*	GoTriangle
Eric Vitale*	City of Durham
Sean Egan*	City of Durham
Tom Devlin*	City of Durham
Bill Judge*	City of Durham
Matt Efird*	Town of Hillsborough

44	Travis Crayton*	Research Triangle Foundation
45	Annie Calef*	Research Triangle Foundation
46	Cha'ssam Anderson*	University of North Carolina
47	Landon Coley*	University of North Carolina
48	Jordan Powell*	VHB
49	Jacob Rigg	RTA
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51	Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO
52	Colleen MCGue	DCHC MPO
53	David Miller	DCHC MPO
54	Andy Henry*	DCHC MPO
55	Filmon Fishastion	DCHC MPO
56	Kelly Fomenko	DCHC MPO
57	Yanping Zhang*	DCHC MPO
58	Madeline Galliano	DCHC MPO
59	K.C. Chae*	DCHC MPO
60	Adam Spillman*	DCHC MPO
61	Jean Debnam	DCHC MPO

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63 Quorum Count: 7 of 10 Voting Members

64 \*Attended remotely

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## 66 **1. Roll Call**

67 DCHC MPO Executive Director Doug Plachcinski called the meeting to order at

68 9:00 a.m. Mr. Plachcinski requested to amend the agenda to include the Election of

69 Officers. The motion was made by Jamezetta Bedford and seconded by Camille Berry.

70 Doug Plachcinski asked the nominating committee for Board Chair nominees.

71 Jamezetta Bedford stated the nominating committee brought forth Karen Howard as

72 the Board Chair. Mr. Plachcinski made the Board aware that Karen Howard had

73 accepted the seat. The Board unanimously agreed to Karen Howard as Chair of the

74 DCHC MPO Board. Mr. Plachcinski asked the nominating committee for Vice Chair

75 nominees. Jamezetta Bedford stated the nominating committee brought forth Javiera

76 Caballero as candidate for the Vice Chair. Mr. Plachcinski asked Javiera Caballero if

77 she accepted the nomination as Vice Chair. Javiera Cabellero accepted the position.

No other nominees were brought forth. The Board unanimously agreed to seat Javiera Cabellero as Vice Chair.

Newly elected Vice Chair Javiera Cabellero called the meeting to order and asked members to provide personal introductions.

**2. Ethic Reminder**

Javiera Cabellero read the Ethics Reminder aloud.

**3. Adjustments to the Agenda**

Javiera Cabellero asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. Doug Plachcinski asked that the #8 (2024 DCHC Meeting Calendar) Item 23-239 become an action item and be put to a vote.

**4. Public Comments**

Vice Chair Javiera asked if there were any public comments. Colleen McGue announced Jacob Rigg with Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA). Mr. Rigg announced RTA is hosting their 22nd annual meeting on January 26, 2024, at the Embassy Suites in Cary. The theme of the meeting is Moving Faster.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**5. Approval of November 8, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Jean Debnam, MPO Staff**

**6. FY2024 UPWP Amendment #4**  
**Madeline Galliano, MPO Staff**  
**David Miller, MPO Staff**

Javiera asked for approval of the Consent Agenda. Wendy Jacobs moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Jamezetta Bedford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

104       **7. SPOT Local Input Points Methodology Release for Public Comment**  
105       **Filmon Fishastion, MPO Staff**  
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107           Filmon Fishastion explained the next step in the SPOT 7.0 process is to adopt a  
108   Methodology for Identifying and Ranking New Transportation Improvement Program  
109   Project Requests. Filmon explained the DCHC MPO will use this Methodology to  
110   assign Local Input Points to projects submitted during the current SPOT cycle. This  
111   Methodology must be approved by the MPO Board and an NCDOT Review Committee  
112   by April 1, 2024.

113           Wendy Jacobs asked if the description and names of the projects could be  
114   changed to more consistent language and gave the example of the #9 on the projects  
115   list. She gave the example of a sidewalk/bicycle path versus a multiuse path. Doug  
116   Plachcinski said DCHC staff would work through the list and try to come up with some  
117   standard terms. Javiera Cabellero asked, regarding the Highway Criteria and Weights  
118   for the mobility projects, how could the DCHC MPO give more weight to the safety  
119   component? Filmon Fishastion responded the criteria set forth is statewide and we  
120   would not be able to change it. For regional and division level projects, more weight can  
121   be added to safety in upcoming cycles, however it is too late at this point in the process  
122   this cycle. Nish Trivedi provided additional information stating that during the open  
123   cycle the Board can remove freight from the regional and division level criteria and add  
124   its weight to safety. Matt Day also added that changing the weighted criteria must be  
125   done by working with other stakeholders. A motion was made by Camille Berry to  
126   release the input methodology for public comments. Danny Nowell seconded the  
127   motion. The motion passed unanimously.

128 **8. 2024 DCHC MPO Meeting Calendar**  
129 **Kelly Fomenko, MPO Staff**

130 Kelly Fomenko presented the 2024 Meeting Calendar and reminded the board of  
131 the changes presented at the last meeting. Technical Committee meetings will occur  
132 on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm and Board meetings will occur on the 4th  
133 Tuesday of the month at 9am, with the following exceptions:

- 134 - July & December: No Technical Committee or Board meetings
- 135 - November: The Board will meet on the third Tuesday to accommodate the  
136 Thanksgiving holiday.

137 Doug Plachcinski pointed out some members of the TC Board reviewed this  
138 information and recommended having the meetings in the morning. Jamezetta Bedford  
139 responded that the morning would interfere with her job. Wendy Jacobs noted the  
140 traffic issues in the morning. Danny Nowell noted it would be better for the commute.  
141 Wendy Jacobs made a motion to receive the 2024 Meeting Calendar and the updated  
142 time to Tuesday morning. Camille Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed  
143 unanimously.

144 **REPORTS:**

145 **9. Report from the Board Chair**  
146 **Javiera Cabellero, Board**

147 There was no report from Vice Chair Javiera Cabellero.

148 **10. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**

149 **Nishith Trivedi, TC Chair**

150 There was no report from TC Chair, Nish Trivedi.

151 **11. Reports from the MPO Staff**  
152 **Doug Plachcinski, AICP, CFM DCHC MPO Executive Director**

153 Doug Plachcinski informed the board that DCHC MPO agendas would be heavy  
154 for the next couple of months. The Board will be cutting loose several projects including  
155 the combined City and Durham Bike Ped plan. We are working through the Safe  
156 Streets for All plan. Mr. Plachcinski announced upcoming meetings at CPRC.

## **12. NCDOT Reports:**

### **Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation**

Not Present- No Report.

### **Brandon Jones (Tracy Parrott), Division 5 – NCDOT**

Brandon Jones announced the approval of the billion-dollar Federal Grant for the S-Line.

### **Wright Archer (Nishant Shah), Division 7 – NCDOT**

Nishant Shah reported Div. 7 was facing staffing issues and but they are trying to accommodate the early completion of NC 86. Camille Berry asked about the NC 54 Bike Ped project. She reported there had been a fatality. Nishant said he will reach out to his constituents on the dates of completion.

### **Patrick Norman (Bryan Kluchar), Division 8 – NCDOT**

No additional report.

### **Julie Bogle, Transportation Planning Division – NCDOT**

Not Present- No report.

### **John Grant, Traffic Operations – NCDOT**

Not Present- No report.

### **Nick Morrison - NCDOT IMD**

Not present- No report

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the DCHC MPO Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

