

The Durham Technical Community College Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Here are highlights from that meeting:



The Board of Trustees honored Ms. Betty Lyons.

Board of Trustees members honored retiring Durham Tech employee Ms. Betty Lyons, Director of Adult Basic Education in the College and Career Readiness department, for her 43 years of service to the College.



Dr. Mike Lee was sworn in as a new trustee.

Appointed by the Durham Public Schools Board of Education

Dr. Mike Lee served on the Durham Public Schools Board of Education for 8 years, including four years as Chairman and two years as Vice Chair. Dr. Lee has also served on the Workforce and Development Board, Durham Partnership for Children Board, YMCA Board, and various leadership roles in community organizations around Durham. Dr. Lee is a technology executive as Head of Customer Success at PublicInput and an Adjunct Professor of Marketing at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.



Dr. Pat Ashley was sworn in for a new term.

Appointed by the Durham Public Schools Board of Education

Dr. Ashley has served on the Durham Tech Board of Trustees since 2016. She is the former Director of the Division of District and School Transformation for the NC Department of Public Instruction. Dr. Ashley is currently a Teaching Assistant Professor/Program Director at North Carolina State University.

Board of County Commissioners' budgets

President Buxton updated the Board of Trustees on the status of the Orange County and Durham County budgets. The Orange County Board of County Commissioners passed a motion of intent to pass the county budget, and the Durham County Board of County Commissioners passed the budget. Both BOCCs included strong support for Durham Tech, making what President Buxton termed “watershed decisions” for the College. The budgets include assistance with retention and recruitment, back-to-work scholarships, continued scholarship support for high school graduates, funding for an apprenticeship coordinator, and ensuring our housekeeping contractors receive a livable wage.

Affordable housing

Trustees unanimously approved a change to the affordable housing purchase agreement, extending the date from June 2024 to December 2024.

Consent agenda — unanimously approved

- a) Financial report
- b) Continuing the Resolution for Authority to Surplus Equipment
- c) Vacancy, Turnover and Retention Report, updating statistics last reported in November 2022
- d) Culinary courses to be offered at Orange Correctional Facility
- e) Continuing Education Accountability and Integrity Plan