

JOINT MEETING OF DARLINGTON COUNTY'S  
MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, COUNTY COUNCIL,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, & LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
DARLINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

October 30, 2023

Darlington County Council hosted a joint meeting of Darlington County's Municipal Councils, County Council, Board of Education, and Legislative Delegation on October 30, 2023, at 6 p.m., at The Douglas Clubhouse at Lake Darpo, 100 Lake Darpo Road in Society Hill, South Carolina, to share information regarding matters of interest/concern to the units of government within Darlington County.

NOTICE OF MEETING

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda providing the date, time, and place of the meeting was posted on the county's website and the bulletin board in the lobby of the courthouse and emailed to Darlington County's Municipal Managers/Clerks, Darlington County School District Superintendent, Darlington County Legislative Delegation, Darlington County Council, and the local newspapers.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Bobby Hudson, Vice Chairman Marvin Le Flowers, Chaplain Dannie Douglas, Jr., Mr. Michael Kirk Askins, Mr. David Coker, Mr. Albert Davis, III, Mrs. Angie Stone Godbold, and Mrs. Joyce W. Thomas

ALSO PRESENT

Darlington County Administrator Marion Charles Stewart, III, Clerk to Council J. JaNet Bishop, Darlington County Board Of Education Members Audrey Gore, Lucas W. Reed, Wanda Hassler, Warren Jeffords, Jamie Morphis, and Amanda Thompson; Darlington County School District Superintendent Tim Newman; City of Darlington Council Members Elaine Reed, Howard Nettles, John Segars, and John Milling; City of Darlington Mayor Curtis Boyd; City of Darlington Administrator John Payne; City of Hartsville Council Members Kenzie DeLaine, Bryson S. Caldwell, and Teresa Mack; City of Hartsville Mayor Casey Hancock; City of Hartsville Manager Daniel Moore; City of Hartsville Clerk Sherron Skipper; City of Hartsville Deputy Clerk Andrea Crenshaw; Town of Society Hill Council Members Charles Baker, Denise Douglas, and Melissa Burch; Town of Society Hill Mayor Dwayne Duke; Town of Society Hill Clerk Brenda Nettles; Town of Lamar Council Members Angele White Bradley, Mary Ann Mack, and Tyler Cook; Town of Lamar Mayor James Howell; Town of Lamar Manager Tim Dargan; Senator Gerald Malloy; Representative Patricia Henegan; Representative Robert Williams; South Carolina State Ethics Commission General Counsel Courtney Laster; and others.

REPORTERS PRESENT

Mr. Stephen Drew of the News and Press.

Welcome / Invocation

Darlington County Council Chairman Bobby Hudson welcomed everyone to the meeting and Darlington County Councilman Dannie Douglas presented the invocation.

Presentation – Ms. Courtney Laster, General Counsel, South Carolina State Ethics Commission

After dinner, South Carolina State Ethics Commission General Counsel Courtney Laster presented information regarding the State Ethics Act of 1991. She reviewed the Rules of Conduct as it relates to the use of office for financial gain, disclosure of conflict of interest, anti-nepotism provision, bribery, disclosure of confidential information, public speaking engagements, and the use of government resources for campaign purposes. Ms. Laster briefly talked about filing Campaign Disclosures and Statements of Economic Interest including campaign practices, the complaint and hearing process, and penalties for late filers. It was pointed out that income reported on the Statement of Economic Interest should be the income before any deductions. Individuals may request Advisory Opinions from the State Ethics Commission.

Discussion – Items From The Floor

Senator Gerald Malloy commended the work of Ms. Courtney Laster and pointed out that three of the eight State Ethics Commissioners were born in Darlington County. He announced that Mrs. Lovis Thomas (wife of deceased Coach T.B. Thomas, Jr. of Hartsville) will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday tomorrow. Senator Malloy recognized Representative Robert Williams and Representative Pat Henegan. Representative Cody Mitchell was not present at the meeting. He briefly talked about rural infrastructure funds, CTC funds for road paving, the Darlington County Humane Society, Florence-Darlington Technical College expansion into the county, and Hartsville Airport.

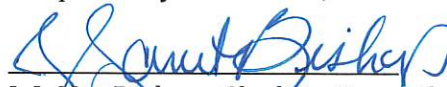
Representative Robert Williams talked about violence involving automatic/combat weapons and asked everyone to stand together to stop such violence in Darlington County. He will introduce a bill to ban such weapons from our streets.


Senator Malloy thanked law enforcement for making an arrest today regarding the incident that happened at a Darlington school. He asked everyone to support intergovernmental agreements and law enforcement.

Representative Pat Henegan commended the joint meeting of Darlington County's Municipal Councils, County Council, Board of Education, and Legislative Delegations. She would like for Chesterfield and Marlboro Counties to begin having this type of meeting.

County Council Chairman Bobby Hudson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
J. Janet Bishop, Clerk to Council

  
Bobby Hudson, Chairman  
Darlington County Council

Approved at meeting of December 4, 2023.