

DARLINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES – 15 April 2026 4:00 p.m.
Darlington County Elections and Registration

Present: Chad White, Dist. 4 (Chair)
Bob Puechl, Dist. 7 (Vice Chair)
Samuel Evans, Jr, Dist. 1
Kevin Brown, Dist. 2
Antoinette Muldrow, Dist. 3
Wes Woodard, Dist. 6
Larry “Frankie” Jernigan, Dist. 8

Staff: Terri Cribb, Director
Paula Newton, Planner III

Absent: Antoinette Muldrow, Dist. 3

Press: N/A

Citizens: Belinda Valle

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was provided to the local news media and persons requesting information.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** –Chairman Chad White called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Darlington County Planning Commission to order on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – All stood and recited *The Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America*.
- III. **CITIZEN’S COMMENTS** –
(Maximum of 2 minutes per citizen; 30 min. total)

Belinda Valle
- IV. **PERSONAL APPEARANCES** - None
(Maximum of 10 minutes per citizen; 30 min. total)
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 18 March 2026

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kevin Brown and seconded by Commissioner Bob Puechl to **APPROVE** the minutes as written of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Darlington County Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – 15 April 2026

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Puechl and seconded by Commissioner Frankie Jernigan to **APPROVE** the minutes as written on the regularly scheduled agenda of the Darlington County Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.
- **COMMUNICATION TOWER APPROVAL** – None

- **PRELIMINARY APPROVALS** – None
- **FINAL APPROVALS** – None
- **APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION ALONG PUBLIC ACCESS** – None
- **VARIANCE REQUESTS** –

TM # 104-00-01-096

Requesting to extend Sunday Road (private road) to access 1 acre lot that will be subdivided for future development.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Frankie Jernigan and seconded by Commissioner Bob Puechl to **APPROVE** extending Sunday Road (private road) on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

- **SITE DEVELOPMENT** – None
- **OLD BUSINESS** – None
- **NEW BUSINESS** –

Appeal made in reference to IP Solar Energy System

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Puechl and seconded by Commissioner Frankie Jernigan to **UPHOLD THE STAFF DECISION** for IP Solar on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

- **STAFF REPORTS** –

None

- **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS / REQUESTS** –

Chairman Chad White suggested to the residents that were requesting stricter regulations for solar development

VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding Case No. 26CP160286 Plaintiffs: Majorie Dudley, Evelyn Hopson, James B. Knight, Aimee O. Knight, Deborah Martin, Jerry S. Martin, V. Defendants: Darlington County; Darlington County Council; Darlington County Planning Commission; Darlington County Administrator, BNRG Renewables/Innovateus Solar, Pit Stop Solar, LLC

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Puechl and seconded by Commissioner Kevin Brownb to **APPROVE** Planning Commissioners and Attorney James Teal to hold Executive Session on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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A MOTION was made by Commissioner Bob Puechl and seconded by Commissioner Frankie Jernigan to APPROVE Planning Commissioners and Attorney James Teal to go into Executive Session on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken from Executive Session.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Kevin Brown and seconded by Commissioner Samuel Evans to ADJOURN the regularly scheduled meeting of the Darlington County Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.