



BOARDS & COMMISSIONS COMMITTEE

August 23, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING

[City of Asheville's YouTube Channel](#)

The Boards and Commissions Committee was established to review citizen's applications to boards and commissions and recommend appointments to City Council. The Committee also provides guidance on establishing new boards and commissions and develops process timelines for appointments.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Vice-Mayor Sheneika Smith (Chair); Councilwoman Kim Roney; Councilwoman Antanette Mosley

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

A. APPROVAL OF THE [June 14, 2022 minutes](#)

B. PUBLIC COMMENT (live comments, up to a half hour)

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Consideration to revise the Human Relations Commission of Asheville \(HRCA\) membership qualifications in the establishing ordinance Ordinance 4663](#)

Resource: Alayna Schmidt, Equity and Inclusion

Description: Review the Human Relations Commission recommendation to amend the HRCA membership to remove the required numbers of individuals from the various identified groups and expand the list to be more comprehensive of the diverse Asheville community

Action: Vote on the recommendation to amend Ordinance 4663 to change the membership qualifications for the Human Relations Commission of Asheville.

2. ADDED ITEM: [Review of a Remote Meeting Policy for Advisory Boards and Commissions appointed by City Council](#)

Resource: Sarah Gross, Deputy City Clerk

Description: The recommended Remote Meeting policy provides the option for advisory boards and commissions to conduct their meetings virtually upon the following conditions 1) a super-majority of the Advisory Board votes to hold remote meetings; and 2) the Board continues to conduct all of its meetings virtually for the duration of the year, unless otherwise noticed in accordance with this policy and NC Open Meeting Laws.

Action: Review and discussion

3. July/August Board Appointments - [APPLICATIONS](#)

Resource: Jerri Goldberg, Assistant City Clerk

Description: Review of Board and Commission applications for recommendation to City Council

Action: Vote on recommendations for full council board appointments for the following committees:

(NOTE: See page **3** for additional recommendations information)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - (3 year term) - Seven vacancies

- David Nash recommends Tara Irby to replace Brandy Woodard for the HACA staff seat
- Chair recommends the reappointments of Andy Barnett, Margie Bukowski, Paul Heathman, Barbara Ann (Babs) Philip, and David Bartholomew.
- Chair also recommends the appointment of Nnweyna Smith, and if Smith is not available, he recommends Jessica Phelan

AUDIT COMMITTEE - (3 year term) - One vacancy - CPA seat

- NO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED. Clerk's office will readvertise

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - (3 year term) - One vacancy

- No recommendation received.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - (3 year term) - One vacancy - 100 units or less

- BCTDA Staff recommend the reappointment of Larry Crosby

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE - (3 year term) - One vacancy

- Board chair recommends appointment of Thomas McLaughlin or Maria Delsasi
Staff liaison agrees.

HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION - (3 year term) - Two vacancies

- Staff recommends the appointment of Maria Delsasi and requests the Clerk's office to re-advertise the second vacancy

HOMELESS INITIATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - (3 year term) - Two vacancies

- Nominating committee recommends appointment of Rick Freeman and Andrew Garrard.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION - (2 year term) - Two vacancies

- Staff recommends readvertising in attempt to get applicants who are City residents.

NOISE ADVISORY BOARD - (3 year term) - Two vacancies

- For the restaurant industry seat - staff recommends reposting opening to gather a wider pool of candidates. Chair recommends appointment of Lilianna Woody.
- For resident seat - staff recommends the appointment of Maria C. Burril. Chair recommends appointment of Reb Hazlip or Jeffrey Fromson.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. INFORMAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES -

- BCTDA membership - new session bill ([H1057](#)) - Ass't. City Clerk Goldberg
- Realignment update - Deputy Clerk, Sarah Gross

F. PUBLIC COMMENT (live comments, up to a half hour)

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Affordable Housing Advisory Committee:

From Chair, Barry Bialik: I recommend Nnweyna Smith to the vacant AHAC seat. I recommended her last time as well, and she was not appointed. I feel her diverse background would add the most balance to our current committee makeup. If she was not available for appointment by some chance, I would recommend Jessica Phelan.

Design Review Committee:

From Chair, Robin Rainers: I feel that Thomas McLaughlin would make an excellent candidate as well as Maria Delsasi. I don't particularly see a problem with any of the candidates except for Lauren McKinney who lives in Arden.

Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee:

The HIAC nominating workgroup would like to recommend Rick Freeman and Andrew Garrard for the two open seats. Neither specifically fills one of the sectors on our matrix, but the workgroup felt both represent key community voices since Rick is the president of CAN and very involved in his own neighborhood association and Andrew is a realtor so represents both the business community and housing sector.

Noise Advisory Board:

From Staff: Staff would like to recommend Maria C. Burril. Being from Asheville, Maria has seen its changes over the years. With her background in real estate, she could bring a unique perspective to the Board.

From Chair, Jessica Tomasin: My recommendation for the restaurant seat would be Lilianna Wood and for the resident position my recommendation would be for Reb Haizlip or Jeffrey Fromson. Reb seems to have experience in the science of sound and acoustics which I think is important and I think Jeffrey would be helpful in the area of compromise and has looked into noise issues in other cities.