

# Mecklenburg County

## Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions

### Board Appointments Due

Renewals From 5/1/2013 To 6/30/2013

**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION**

**Number of BOCC Members: 3**                      **Term Length in Years: 3**

***Purpose***

The County hereby appoints the Charlotte/Mecklenburg Public Art Commission as a joint commission of the Board of County Commissioners and the Charlotte City Council to carry out the Public Art ordinance. The Public Art Commission shall be composed of nine (9) members, three (3) appointed by the City Council, three (3) appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, and three (3) appointed by the Board of Directors of ASC. The Public Art Commission may, from time to time, select advisors for particular public art projects in accordance with the size and complexity of the projects. The Public Art Commission shall encourage broad community participation in the public art program, including naming a community representative on artist selection panels. The Public Art Commission shall engage ASC by contract to administer the public art program pursuant to an agreement between the County, the Public Art Commission and ASC. The Public Art Commission shall establish policies and procedures for the operation of the program. The Public Art Commission, assisted by ASC staff, shall annually review the capital projects proposed by the County, including those in the Capital Improvement Program, to determine which are Eligible Projects. Based upon such information, the Public Art Commission shall prepare an annual work plan for approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

***Qualifications***

The members of the Public Art Commission shall be appointed by the City, the County and the ASC Board, as designated below:

- Three from visual arts or design professions ( ASC)
- Two from the business sector (County 1, City 1)
- Two from the education field (County 1, City 1)
- Two at-large, community representatives (County 1, City 1)

Must be a resident of Mecklenburg County.

***Special Notes***

**One (1) appointment for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2016 (Community Representative) effective July 1, 2013.**

**1 Appointment(s) For 3 Year Term:**

Name	Qualifications	Appointed:	Expires	Eligibility
Oudmayer, Arthur	(COMMU)	8/14/2007	06/30/2013	Not eligible for Reappointment

**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION Applicants:**

Name	Qualifications	Race/Sex
Benjamin, Alicia	(COMMU)	B / F
Dawkins, L. M. Cathay	(EDU)(COMMU)	B / M
Lippi, Larry	(BUS)(COMMU)	W / M
List, Gaye	(COMMU)	W / F
Thomas, Charles	(BUS)(COMMU)	B / M

**Mecklenburg County**  
**Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions**  
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**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION Members:**

Name (* = Chairman)	Apptd By	Qualifications	Race/Sex	Appointed	Expires	Elig Code	Expired Position
Fletcher, Patricia	BOCC	(BUS)	B / F	3/6/2012	6/30/2015	EL	
Kesavan, Manoj	BOCC	(EDU)	A / M	7/12/2011	6/30/2014	EL	
Oudmayer, Arthur	BOCC	(COMMU)	U / M	8/14/2007	6/30/2013	NE	<==

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5/24/12

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**From:** ramalicia@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 24, 2012 12:04 PM  
**To:** CTB  
**Subject:** Board Application

## Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

Please check only one of the qualifications/categories below.

- **url:** <http://charmeck.org/mecklenburg/county/BOCC/AdvisoryBoards/Pages/BoardApplication.aspx>
- **Name of Advisory Board:** Public Arts Commission
- **Name:** Alicia Benjamin
- **Home address:** 4568 Randolph Road, #123
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28211
- **Home Phone:** 704-299-1797
- **Work Phone:** 704-299-1797
- **E-Mail:** [ramalicia@aol.com](mailto:ramalicia@aol.com)
- **Occupation:** Writer/Editor
- **Place of employment:** Inspiration Networks
- **Race:** African American
- **Sex:** Selected Items
  - (Female) Female
- **Age:** 47
- **Hours per month available for position:** 10
- **County advisory board currently serving on:**
- **Expiration date:** 05/24/2012
- **Education:** B.S//Journalism and Graduate Theater Study
- **Business and civic experience:** Volunteer for Organizing for America, English as a Second Language Instructor
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** writing, editing, performing, visual arts (film, art lover)
- : Selected Items
- : Selected Items
- : Selected Items
- **County Commission District:** Choose one
- : Selected Items
  - (Faith) Member of the Faith Community
- **Signature of applicant:** Alicia Benjamin
- **Date:** 05/24/2012



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11/12/12

**From:** BeyondTheArts@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 10, 2012 2:53 AM  
**To:** CTB  
**Subject:** Board Application

## Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

Please check only one of the qualifications/categories below.

- **url:** <http://charmeck.org/mecklenburg/county/BOCC/AdvisoryBoards/Pages/BoardApplication.aspx>
- **Name of Advisory Board:** Public Arts Commission
- **Name:** L. M. Cathay Dawkins
- **Home address:** 13623 Calloway Glen Dr
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28273
- **Home Phone:** 980-622-4330
- **Work Phone:** (704) 688 2939
- **E-Mail:** [BeyondTheArts@yahoo.com](mailto:BeyondTheArts@yahoo.com)
- **Occupation:** Art Teacher/ Executive Director Beyond The Arts, Inc.
- **Place of employment:** Kennedy Charter Public Schools
- **Race:** African American
- **Sex:** Selected Items
  - (Male) Male
- **Age:** 31
- **Hours per month available for position:** 10
- **County advisory board currently serving on:**
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** Bachelors of Art, Landscape Architecture
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?:** Online
- **Business and civic experience:** Cathay Dawkins was raised in Enoree, South Carolina a small town near Spartanburg. During his early teenage years, he joined Spartanburg County Soil and Water Conservation Youth Board and with its ethos became heavily involved in community service, landscaping, and art. Cathay credits the youth board for keeping him off the street and encouraging him to clean up the streets instead. Upon graduating from Woodruff High School, Cathay received 7 scholarships to Clemson University and studied Landscape Architecture. During college he dedicated his free time to mentoring and tutoring at-risk elementary students and soon discovered his passion for empowering the youth. After college Cathay relocated to Charlotte, North Carolina and launched Dawkins Landscaping and Lawn Services. As a result of the recession, there was a decline in business which seemingly turned out to be a divine opportunity for him to follow his true calling. Cathay infused his experience as an artist, instructor, entrepreneur, and community activist to form a dynamic grassroots organization called Beyond The Arts, Inc. Founded in May 2011, Beyond The Arts is a non-profit youth development organization that combines the arts, community service, and apprenticeship to help at-risk youth develop self-esteem & self-sufficiency in an effort to lead more prosperous and productive lives. The same mentoring that sparked Cathay's passion over 8 years ago. Beyond The Arts hit the ground running by traveling around Mecklenburg County hosting school supply drives and free art workshops. Soon local schools, churches, and community centers were interested in adopting Beyond The Arts'

premiere art program. Currently well over 300 students are registered in their “Making Arts Work” program. In addition, Beyond The Arts has gained partnerships with several organizations including; Hands on Charlotte, Elon Homes & Schools for Children, and the Charlotte Black Chamber of Commerce, just to name a few. Beyond the Arts is on the fast track and destined for greatness, as witnessed in the faces of our students and the communities we serve. Cathay Dawkins Executive Director Beyond The Arts, Inc. “I give to receive, just so I will be able to give even more”-Cathay Dawkins

- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills::** Visual Arts Enrichment, Art Instructor, Community Service, Mentorship, Entrepreneurship, & Youth Development.
- : Selected Items
- : Selected Items
- : Selected Items
- **County Commission District::** Choose one
- : Selected Items
- **Signature of applicant::** L. M. Cathay Dawkins
- **Date::** 11/10/2012

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**From:** larry@lippi.com  
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Please check only one of the qualifications/categories below.

- **url:** <http://charmeck.org/mecklenburg/county/BOCC/AdvisoryBoards/Pages/BoardApplication.aspx>
- **Name of Advisory Board:** Public Arts Commission
- **Name:** Larry Lippi
- **Home address:** 1419 Townes Rd
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28209
- **Home Phone:**
- **Work Phone:** 704-995-9966
- **E-Mail:** [larry@lippi.com](mailto:larry@lippi.com)
- **Occupation:** Advertising Executive
- **Place of employment:** Lippi & Co
- **Race:** W
- **Sex:** Selected Items
  - (Male) Male
- **Age:** 66
- **Hours per month available for position:** 10
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** na
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** NY School of Visual Arts
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?:** Other
- **Business and civic experience:** 40 years business owner.Served on BOD for Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, St. Patricks Cathedral Parish Council.
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Fine arts, advertising and marketing, graphic design, general business acumen.
- : Selected Items
- : Selected Items
- : Selected Items
- **County Commission District:** Choose one
- : Selected Items
- **Signature of applicant:** Larry Lippi
- **Date:** 03 19 2013



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**From:** gayelist@carolina.rr.com  
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**Subject:** Board Application

## Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

Please check only one of the qualifications/categories below.

- **url:** <http://charmeck.org/mecklenburg/county/BOCC/AdvisoryBoards/Pages/BoardApplication.aspx>
- **Name of Advisory Board::** Public Arts Commission
- **Name::** Gaye List
- **Home address::** 11930 Matthew Martin Lane
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code::** 28216
- **Home Phone::** 704-393-1145
- **Work Phone::** 704-909-9910
- **E-Mail::** [gayelist@carolina.rr.com](mailto:gayelist@carolina.rr.com)
- **Occupation::** retired
- **Place of employment::** retired
- **Race::** W
- **Sex::** Selected Items
  - (Female) Female
- **Age::** 62
- **Hours per month available for position::** 10-15
- **County advisory board currently serving on::**
- **Expiration date::**
- **Education::** Attended: Queens College and Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte, NC --- Received Certificate of Completion: (1) Electronic Computer Programming Institute, Charlotte, NC, 1985 (2) Managing for Continuous Improvement, (Tennessee Associates, Intl., Nashville, TN) (3) Predictive Index, Management Resource Utilization (4) Customer Satisfaction and Quality Measurement (AMA) --- Career Enhancement Training: (1) Front Line Leadership, (Zenger Miller) (2) Management training programs at Coca-Cola Consolidated (3) Compass College at Compass Group (4) Diversity and Inclusion training at Compass Group
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?:** Other
- **Business and civic experience::** Business: Compass Group - Director of Proposal Development, (9/95-1/13) Diversity & Inclusion Council (2005-2012) Women's Leadership Network (2009-2013) Civic: Board of Directors positions: Civic & Cultural Arts Center of Pineville - President of BOD, 2006-present Kajiado Childrens Home, Nairobi, Kenya Team Lead, Cooks Memorial Pres Church (2008-present) Loaves & Fishes, Charlotte, NC Board member, 2003-2006 NC Cooperative Education Association Associate Board Member, 2001-2002
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills::** At Compass Group, I managed a \$2.5 Million annual budget and developed team effectiveness of 29 staff (design and print) creating sales bid documents to win new business. In my civic arena, I am founding member of CCAC and the Kajiado Mission Team. In those capacities, leadership and communication skills are utilized to identify opportunities and build teams to carry out mission. I am very interested in the Public Arts Commission because I gain my life balance

and appreciation as a practicing artist. My interest also lies in community and education, explaining my involvement in Loaves and Fishes, and the NC Cooperative Education Association, which was through my support of Cooperative Education at CPCC. In March, 2013 I am being awarded the CPCC "Co-Op Champion of the Year for 2012".

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- : Selected Items
  - (General Public Representative ) General Public Representative
- **County Commission District::** Choose one
- : Selected Items
- **Signature of applicant::** Gaye List
- **Date::** 03 15 2013



**MECKLENBURG COUNTY  
ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATION**

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5/7/13

**Please type or print your information.**

**NAME OF ADVISORY BOARD** (one board per application) Public Arts Commission

**NAME** Charles Thomas

**HOME ADDRESS** 2742 Daleview Dr. **ZIP CODE** 28214  
(Please do not use P. O. Box numbers)

**HOME PHONE** 704-975-5384 **WORK PHONE** 704-975-5384 **E-MAIL ADDRESS**  
cthomas@queencityforward.org

**OCCUPATION** Executive Director of Non-Profit **PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT** Queen City Forward

**RACE** AF-AM **SEX** M **AGE** 39 **HOURS PER MTH. AVAILABLE FOR** 8

**POSITION** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD CURRENTLY SERVING ON** \_\_\_\_\_ NONE

**HOW DID YOU LEARN OF THIS VACANCY** Other (TV, RADIO, NEWSPAPER, ON-LINE, OTHER)

**EDUCATION** \_\_\_\_\_ BA Economics, Duke University

**BUSINESS AND CIVIC EXPERIENCE**

I have over 10 years of management experience with non profits. I am the founding Executive Director of a non profit focused on building the capacity of entrepreneurs. Prior to my current role, I served as the Education Director of The Light Factory Photography and Film Museum for 8 years. I am the founder and owner of Sankofa Photography which I have been operating since 1998. My degree is in economics from Duke University. I have served on numerous non profit boards and or civic organizations such as Community Charter School, New Generation of African American Philanthropy (grant making organization), TEDxCharlotte and many others. I am also a current member of Leadership Charlotte and a graduate of Leadership Development Initiative (LDI). I graduated from Duke University with an Economics degree and grew up in Charlotte.

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND INTERESTS/SKILLS**

Entrepreneurship, Photography, Arts Educator, Business Consulting

Below are boards requiring representation of certain professions or sectors of the community. Please check where applicable. Thank you for your interest in serving your community.

Building Development Commission

- American Institute of Architects-Charlotte
- Charlotte Apartment Association (Multi-Family Residential Industry)
- Charlotte Chamber of Commerce (Development Industry)
- Charlotte Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects
- Charlotte Heating and Air Conditioning Contractors Assoc.
- Charlotte Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors Association
- Home Builders Association of Charlotte
- Master Electrical Contractors Assoc. of NC, Inc. or Charlotte Area Assoc. of Electrical Contractors
- Mecklenburg General Contractors Assoc.
- Natl. Assoc. of the Remodeling Industry of Greater Charlotte
- Professional Engineers of NC-South Piedmont Chapter
- General Public Representative

Board of Equalization & Review

- Atty.  CPA
- Residential Real Estate Rep
- Commercial Real Estate Rep

