

# Waste Management Advisory Board

## At-A-Glance

**One (1) year term extension expiring April 30, 2027**

| Name            | District | Gender | Ethnicity              |
|-----------------|----------|--------|------------------------|
| O'Brien, Jeremy | 6        | Male   | Caucasian/Non-Hispanic |

# **Recommendation Statement**

## Little, Madison S.

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**From:** Smithberger, Jeffrey  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2026 9:40 AM  
**To:** Little, Madison S.  
**Subject:** RE: WMAB Appointments

Good morning Madison,

Your timing is perfect.

Yesterday, April 21, 2026 the Waste Management Advisory Board (WMAB) met. The WMAB passed a resolution at that meeting to request that I officially request that Mr. O'Brien be allowed to continue on the WMAB, and serve as the Chair for at least an additional year.

There was some discussion that three full terms are allowed, but it was believed that Jeremy came into the WMAB on a un-expired term, and thus would be eligible to continue? I will possibly need some help from you with that.

As you are aware, we occasionally have difficulty in finding residents to fill these slots and it is highly desirable that Jeremy continue.

Feel free to give me a call on what you need to add to the May 5 meeting, Thanks in advance!

jeff



**Jeffrey M. Smithberger**

Solid Waste Director

LUESA | Solid Waste Management

Mecklenburg County Government

2145 Suttle Avenue, CLT, NC 28208 704 330 3910 | [MeckNC.Gov](http://MeckNC.Gov)



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**Statement to Applicants**

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**Profile****Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Waste Management Advisory Board: Submitted

Jeremy

First Name

K

Middle Initial

O'Brien

Last Name

**What other names have you used? (includes, legal names, aliases, maiden names or professional monikers) NOTE: If none, please note N/A**

N/A

jercarobrien@hotmail.com

Email Address

13715 Portpatrick Ln

Home Address

Matthews

City

NC

State

28105

Postal Code

Mobile: (704) 906-7269

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

**What Mecklenburg County District do you live in? Please verify below. \*** 6**How long have you been a resident of Mecklenburg County?**

32 years

**My age range is (please select one): \*** Over 55**Ethnicity \*** Caucasian/Non-Hispanic**Gender \*** Male

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**Interests & Experiences**

Jeremy K O'brien

## Education

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MS Urban and Environmental Engineering, Duke University

SWANA

Employer

Research Engineer

Occupation

## Business and civic experience

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Have served multiple terms on the WMAB. I have held the position of Director of Applied Research for the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) for over 20 years. SWANA is professional association of over 10,000 solid waste managers and related professionals which has 47 state and provincial chapters located throughout North America, including North Carolina.

## Area of expertise and interests/skills

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Solid Waste Management

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## Additional Information

**If you are or have ever served on a Mecklenburg County board/commission, please answer yes or no. If yes, please disclose the Board and term-end date.**

Yes. I've had the privilege of serving on the WMAB for two terms (4-30-2018 - 4/40-2020 and 4-30-2020 - 4/30-2023) and would like to serve an additional term. .

**Why are you interested in serving on the board(s) to which you are applying?**

I've spent my entire career in the field of solid waste management and am very interested in helping the County continue to provide solid waste management services and systems that are cost-effective and based on our responsibilities to be good environmental stewards of our wonderful planet.

**Have you attended a meeting of the advisory board(s) to which you are applying?**

Yes  No

**Hours Per Month Available for Position**

9

**How did you learn of the vacancy? \***

NotifyMe Email

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## Disclosure

**Are you a Mecklenburg County resident?**

Yes  No

Jeremy K O'brien

Are you a current Mecklenburg County employee?(If you are a current, county employee who is to serve in an ex-officio and/or non-voting capacity on any board when required by law, please email clerk@mecklenburgcountync.gov before submitting an application.)

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Yes  No

Are you a current vendor with Mecklenburg County?

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Yes  No

• Do you have any personal or business interest that could create a conflict (either real or perceived) if appointed? If yes, please explain the conflict.

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Yes  No

If you answered yes to the question above, please explain.

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I own and manage an environmental consulting firm - O'Brien Environmental LLC - that provides consulting services to local governments including Mecklenburg County. In addition, Mecklenburg County is a subscriber to the SWANA Applied Research Foundation, which I manage in my current position with SWANA. The County has been aware of these responsibilities during my two previous terms serving on the WMAB.

#### Disclaimer

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I, hereby, authorize Mecklenburg County to verify all information included in this application. I certify that I have read the appointment policy and that the information contained in this application is true according to the best of my knowledge and belief. I certify that I am providing my legal name and address in which I reside. I understand that inaccurate or untrue information will be cause for removal from any appointed advisory board. By submitting this application, I agree to adhere to all County policies pertaining to advisory boards, including attendance. I understand if I do not achieve 65% annual attendance, I will be automatically removed from the board or commission to which I am appointed. I understand that this application is subject to the N.C. Public Records Law (NCGS § 132-1) and may be released upon request.

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I Agree

Signature of Applicant (Sign Your Legal Name):

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Jeremy K. O'Brien

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#### Board Specific Questions

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Mecklenburg County, NC

# Waste Management Advisory Board

## Board Details

To provide citizen input & evaluations & recommendations of solid waste management issues in coordination & cooperation with the Solid Waste Unit of the Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency (LUESA), in order to achieve the following goals and objectives:

- 1) To assist the County and participating local city and town governments in Mecklenburg County in the development and implementation of a long range waste reduction & management plan that conforms with the requirements of the State & acceptable to the BOCC & the participating local govts;
- 2) To recommend & to evaluate approaches to solid waste management strategies;
- 3) To assist in developing effective solid waste management functions among the County and participating local govts;
- 4) To monitor progress in implementing the Solid Waste management Plan and/or LUESA Strategic Plans & to provide recommendations for program advancement;
- 5) To act as a review & implementation advisory group for solid waste related projects;
- 6) To provide regulatory oversight of actions & decisions made by LUESA-Solid Waste with respect to various solid waste ordinances;
- 7) To provide an oversight of the process and procedures used by LUESA-Solid Waste with respect to the issuance or denial of solid waste permits & the enforcement of the ordinances and laws & regulations of the State;
- 8) To hear appeals of LUESA-Solid Waste decisions; and
- 9) To provide an annual report to the BOCC. The report shall be submitted in Nov of each calendar yr.

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## Overview

- **Size** 12 Seats
- **Term Length** 3 Year
- **Term Limit** 2 Terms

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## Contact

- **Name** Jamie Moss
- **Phone** (980) 314-3872

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## Additional

**Qualifications**

Must be a resident and a registered voter of Meck County.

**Advisory Board Details**

The Chairperson will be appointed by the BOCC after receiving a vacancy notice and written recommendations from the Director of LUESA Solid Waste. No more than 2 members may be recommended by Charlotte City Council; and 1 member may be recommended by each of the Towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill and Pineville. It is desirable that WMAB membership include representatives from various groups and organizations, including: Non-profit organizations with an interest in recycling & solid waste mgmt; and Local businesses of various sizes & specialties; Recycling & solid waste mgmt service providers; and a local Chamber of Commerce; No more than 3 representatives of a single industry subset may serve at any given time.

**Meeting Dates/Times**

Monthly - 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

**Meeting Location**

Mecklenburg County - LUESA Office 2145 Suttle Avenue Charlotte, NC 28202

**Time Commitment**

4 to 5 hours per month

**Stipend**

No

**Special Notes****Job Description**

# Waste Management Advisory Board

## Board Roster

### Charles (andrew) Stienecker

**2nd Term** Oct 16, 2018 - Mar 31, 2025

**Email** andrewstienecker@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Home: (704) 773-6459

**Alternate Phone** Home: (980) 236-2848

**Address**

533 Foxfield Ln  
Matthews, NC 28105

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** TOWN OF MATTHEWS

### Jeremy K O'brien

**2nd Term** Mar 07, 2018 - Apr 30, 2026

**Email** jercarobrien@hotmail.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (704) 906-7269

**Address**

13715 Portpatrick Ln  
Matthews, NC 28105

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** BOCC

### Deborah Butler

**Partial Term** Jun 04, 2024 - Feb 28, 2027

**Email** dbutleresquire@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (215) 688-6626

**Address**

18201 Studman Branch Ave  
Charlotte, NC 28278

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** BOCC

### James E Clay

**1st Term** Mar 01, 2024 - Feb 28, 2027

**Email** jclay59@icloud.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (704) 999-3828

**Address**

3201 Ravencliff Dr  
Charlotte , NC 28226

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** BOCC

### George White

**1st Term** Mar 01, 2024 - Feb 28, 2027

**Email** gwhite836@gmail.com

**Home Phone** : (901) 351-3176

**Alternate Phone** : (704) 879-7895

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** CITY COUNCIL

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□ **Christopher D Garth**

**Partial Term** Dec 03, 2024 - Mar 31, 2027

**Email** cdgarth@carolina.rr.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (704) 502-3838

**Address**

12730 Cliffcreek Drive  
Huntersville, NC 28078

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** NORTHERN TOWNS  
REPRESENTATIVE

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□ **Suzette Mchugh**

**1st Term** Jun 04, 2024 - Mar 31, 2027

**Email** suzette.mchugh@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (704) 661-8787

**Address**

1314 Lilac Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28209

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** BOCC

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□ **Christopher M Lakin**

**1st Term** Feb 21, 2023 - Mar 31, 2028

**Email** clakin01@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (704) 996-5840

**Address**

2712 Kilgo Way  
Charlotte, NC 28205

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** BOCC

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□ **Henry Allison**

**1st Term** Jun 04, 2024 - Mar 31, 2028

**Email** 51emt51@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (704) 604-2524

**Address**

2933 Patten Hill Drive  
Matthews, NC 28105

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** BOCC

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□ **William Hall**

**2nd Term** Mar 01, 2024 - Mar 31, 2028

**Email** william.hall@goodwillsp.org

**Home Phone** Business: (704) 393-6882

**Alternate Phone** Mobile: (704) 315-4965

**Address**

11409 Fullerton Place Dr NW  
Huntersville, NC 28078

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** BOCC

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**Michael Jacome**

**1st Term** May 02, 2023 - Mar 31, 2028

**Email** mr.michaeljacome@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: 332-207-5544

**Address**

6234 Rosecroft Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28215

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** CITY COUNCIL

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**Vacancy**

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** BOCC