

# Air Quality Commission

## Applicants-At-A-Glance

**One (1) Unexpired term expiring August 31, 2028**

(General Public slot)

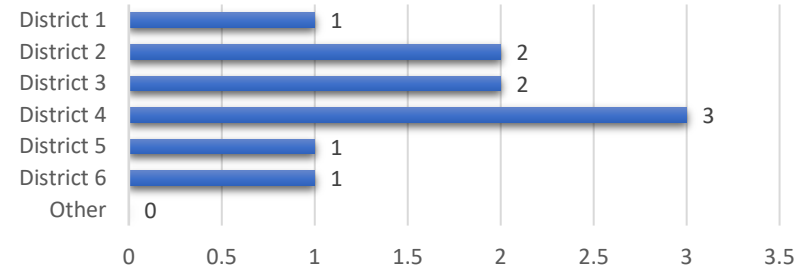
<b>Name</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Ethnicity</b>
Deloach, Mark	5	Male	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic
Finkel, Jessica	1	Female	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic
Kahsay, Tekle	4	Male	African American
Somers, Abraham	4	Male	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic
Wildgoose, Jamie	3	Male	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

# AIR QUALITY COMMISSION DEMOGRAPHICS

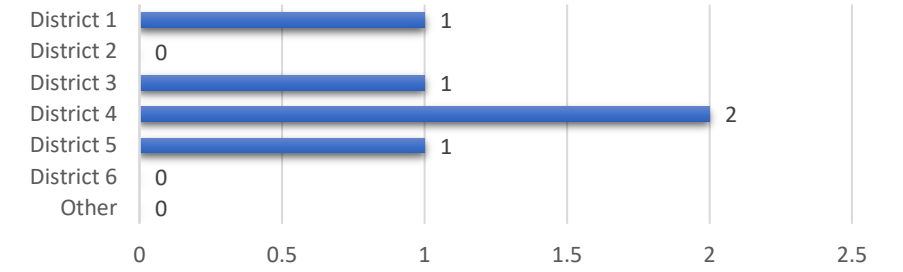
## Districts

	Members	Applicants
District 1	1	1
District 2	2	0
District 3	2	1
District 4	3	2
District 5	1	1
District 6	1	0
Other	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>

Members by District



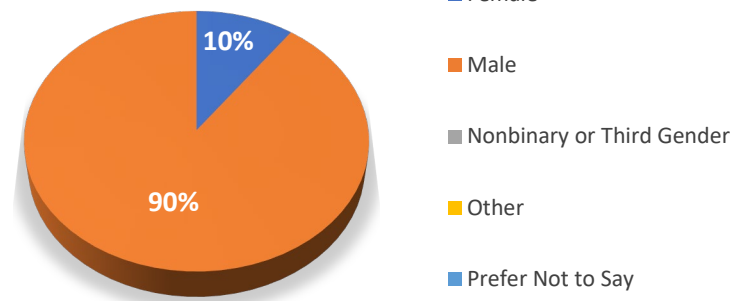
Applicants by District



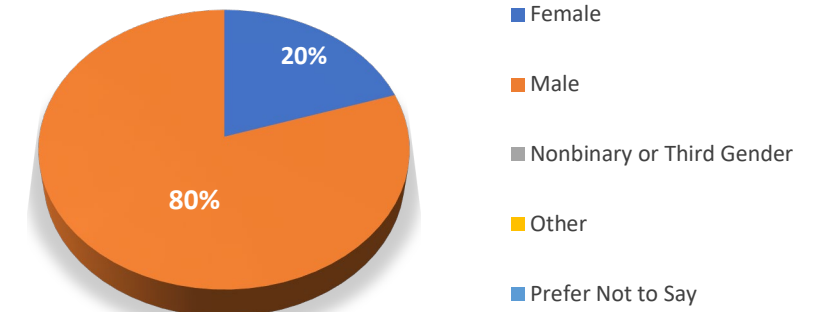
## Gender

	Members	Applicants
Female	1	1
Male	9	4
Nonbinary or Third Gender	0	0
Other	0	0
Prefer Not to Say	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>

Members by Gender



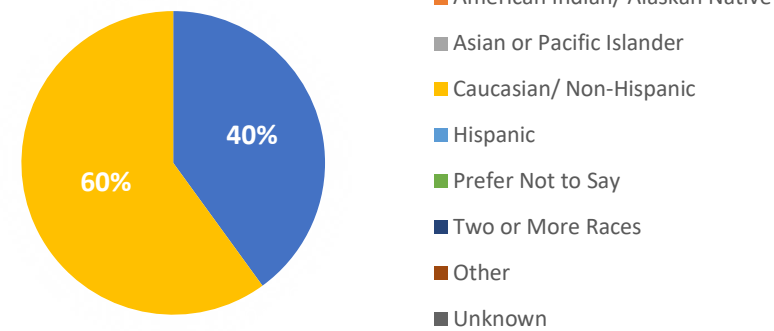
Applicants by Gender



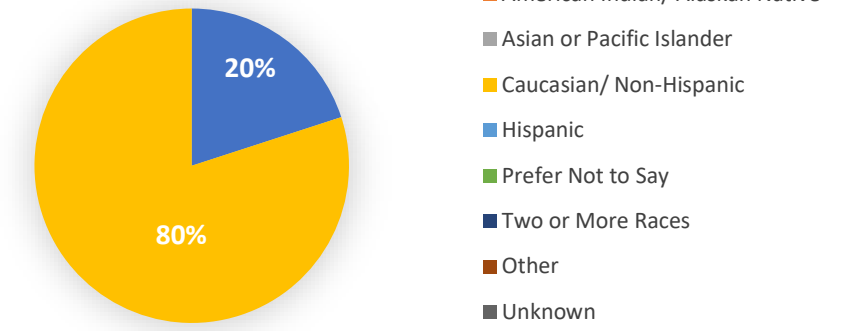
## Ethnicity/Race

	Members	Applicants
African-American	4	1
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	0	0
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0
Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	6	4
Hispanic	0	0
Prefer Not to Say	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0
Other	0	0
Unknown	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>

Members by Ethnicity/Race



Applicants by Ethnicity/Race



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**Statement to Applicants**

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

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Air Quality Commission: Submitted

Mark

First Name

C

Middle  
Initial

DeLoach

Last Name

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

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Alternate Phone

**What Mecklenburg County District do you live in? Please verify below. \***

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 5**How long have you been a resident of Mecklenburg County? Please include months, or years.**

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2 years 3 months

**My age range is (please select one): \***

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 30 to 45**Ethnicity \***

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 Caucasian/Non-Hispanic**Gender \***

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 Male

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**Interests & Experiences**

Mark C DeLoach

## Education

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Chapman University (BS) University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill (JD)

Wagner Hicks, PLLC

Employer

Attorney

Occupation

## Business and civic experience

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I worked in advertising sales for large corporations and small start ups for five years, then I became heavily involved in Democratic politics before heading to law school. I have worked on several campaigns and am currently serving on the board of the Mecklenburg county democratic party. I regularly engage in volunteer work such as river clean ups and homelessness services. I also help run an organization called CLT Engage, serving as an onramp for young people in the Charlotte area to become civically engaged.

## Area of expertise and interests/skills

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I work as an attorney here in Mecklenburg with a focus on regulatory compliance and business litigation. While in law school I did extensive research on and am particularly interested in environmental law.

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## Additional Information

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No

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

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Because my wife and I have a seven month old baby girl and we're planning on being in Mecklenburg for a long time. I'm invested in this community and I'd like to play a part in ensuring that it continues growing in the right direction.

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

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Yes  No

**Hours Per Month Available for Position**

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

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Mecklenburg County Website

[Charles\\_DeLoach\\_Resume\\_.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

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## Disclosure

Mark C DeLoach

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Yes  No

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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

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I Agree

**Signature of Applicant (Sign Your Legal Name):**

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M. Charles DeLoach

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#### **Board Specific Questions**

Question applies to Air Quality Commission

**AQC: Which of the following represents your vocation or interest? \***

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Attorney

# Mark Charles DeLoach

5935 Gate Post Rd, Charlotte, NC 28211 | 949-599-4894 | mcharlesdeloach@gmail.com

## EDUCATION

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### UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF LAW

Juris Doctor, Graduated with Honors (Top 15% of Class)

May 2023

### CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts (BA), Business Administration

Orange, CA

May 2015

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & ACTIVISM

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### WAGNER HICKS, PLLC

Associate Attorney

Charlotte, NC

October 2023 – Present

- Conduct in-depth legal research across multiple practice areas, including employment, construction, fraud, contracts, corporate governance, and torts, providing critical analysis to support litigation strategies and case development.
- Draft discovery requests/responses, briefs, and motions effectively advancing litigation while adhering to procedural deadlines and ensuring client interests are met.
- Review documents provided by client for privilege determination and production, review documents produced by opposing parties for relevance and potential utilization in litigation.
- Advocate for clients at various hearings to progress litigation.
- Prepare for and help conduct mediations to achieve client goals without facing costly and protracted litigation.
- Maintain corporate policies in compliance with mortgage lending rules in regulations at the state and federal level including the Truth in Lending Act and The Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.

### Wagner Hicks, Charlotte, NC

Summer Associate

June 2022 – August 2022

- Drafted internal memos to inform strategy on active cases including a data breach class action and a loan dispute.
- Assisted with preparation for and conduction of deposition in a real estate dispute.
- Conducted legal research regarding HUD regulations to assist with a client's response to a regulatory inquiry.

### New Hanover & Pender County District Attorney's Office

Summer Intern

Wilmington, NC

June 2021 – August 2021

- Prepared plea deal recommendations ahead of trials by researching typical charges for the relevant crimes, reviewing available evidence, and consulting with Assistant DAs.
- Compiled local resources for addiction recovery to provide prosecutors with alternatives to imprisonment.
- Researched areas of criminal law to assist with prosecution efforts.

### COMMON SPACE FORUM (CSF)

Founder and President of the Board

2018 – 2022

- Built and managed team of seven to facilitate monthly non-partisan dialogues on a variety of social issues to facilitate education about nuanced issues and to cultivate understanding between people with differing viewpoints.
- Grew monthly attendance to 100+ across five cities by recruiting and training chapter leaders to facilitate discussions.

## SALES EXPERIENCE

2016 – 2019

- Mixmax Inc. – Account Executive: Achieved 110% average of quarterly sales quota delivering \$110k+ per quarter. Created first training program to streamline onboarding for new sales representatives; managed and trained team of four junior Account Executives.
- Honeybook – Account Executive: Achieved 115% average of monthly sales quota, averaging \$40k+ per month. Created system to categorize client types and automate data retrieval for the sales team to assess sales strategies more accurately.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- Interests: Backpacking/camping, election policy and Get Out the Vote efforts, and science fiction and fantasy novels
- Honors: Eagle Scout

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**Profile**

Jessica

First Name

Finkel

Last Name

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Alternate Phone

**What Mecklenburg County District do you live in? Please verify below. \*** 1**How long have you been a resident of Mecklenburg County? Please include months, or years.**

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6 years and 9 months**My age range is (please select one): \*** 18 to 29**Ethnicity \*** Caucasian/Non-Hispanic**Gender \*** Female

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**Interests & Experiences**

## Education

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University of Florida - 2015 to 2019 B.S. - Public Relations B.A. - Sustainability Studies

Sapphire Strategies

Employer

Production Strategist

Occupation

## Business and civic experience

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Secretary of the Charlotte Mecklenburg NAACP - July 2020 to Nov. 2024 Co-Coordinator of Sunrise Movement Charlotte - Jan. 2020 to May 2024 Jewish Voice for Peace Charlotte - April 2024 to present Candidate for County Commissioner District 1 - Dec. 2025 to March 2026

## Area of expertise and interests/skills

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Public Relations/Social Media Management - 9 years of experience, 7 of those years within non-profits, grassroots organizations, and local businesses Community Organizing - 8 years of experience Email marketing - 2 years of experience

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## Additional Information

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No

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

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I am interested in serving on these advisory boards because I care deeply about building a Mecklenburg County where everyone, regardless of neighborhood, income, or background, has access to clean air, safe and welcoming public spaces, and equitable opportunities to thrive. My professional background in communications and coalition-building has been rooted in public service and community advocacy. I have worked with diverse stakeholders to translate complex issues into accessible information, mobilize community engagement, and ensure that public voices, especially those too often overlooked, are included in decision-making processes. I would bring that same approach to board service: listening first, communicating clearly and often, and working collaboratively to advance thoughtful, community-centered solutions. Each of these boards plays a critical role in shaping the quality of life in and the future of our county. Whether it is protecting environmental health, expanding access to green spaces, or supporting programs that strengthen community well-being, I am particularly motivated by the opportunity to help ensure that these resources are distributed equitably and sustainably. As a Mecklenburg County resident, I have seen both the incredible assets our county offers and the disparities that persist. Serving on one of these boards would allow me to contribute meaningfully to addressing those gaps while supporting long-term, inclusive growth. I would be honored to bring my skills, values, and commitment to public service to this role.

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

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Yes  No

## Hours Per Month Available for Position

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5 to 10 hours, but flexible as needed

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

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[Finkel\\_Jessica\\_Resume.pdf](#)

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

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**Board Specific Questions**

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Environmental

General Public

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I Agree

**Signature of Applicant (Sign Your Legal Name):**

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Jessica Finkel

# Jessica Finkel (she/her)

Communications Specialist responsible for executing marketing and campaign strategies for organizations working for positive social change in targeted markets

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## EXPERIENCE

### **Sapphire Strategies** — *Production Strategist*

MAY 2024 – PRESENT

- Work with digital strategists to create fundraising emails for 15 clients, including candidates seeking either election or re-election, and PACs
- Utilize HTML to code 150+ client emails per week in NGP, EveryAction, Acoustic, ActionKit and ActionNetwork
- Track client news and political announcements to prepare for rapid response requests

### **Thrive North Carolina** — *Interim Coalition Communications Director*

AUG. 2022 TO MAY 2024

- Managed day-to-day social media presence using TikTok, Twitter, and Instagram for Thrive NC and Thrive NC Action groups
- Communicated with the social media coordinators of our twelve partner organizations to uplift work across the coalition
- Collaborated with the coalition's graphic designer to create campaign plans for our social media accounts
- Created and managed press releases, letters to the editor, toolkits and op-eds for events, actions, and organizing efforts

### **American City Business Journals** — *Managed Social Media Specialist*

NOV. 2019 - AUG. 2022

- Posted company-wide events and products for our 46 markets
- Created and presented educational webinars for editors and social media managers with information including, but not limited to, proper social media posting techniques, how to optimize news for each of our social media accounts, and how to best engage with our audiences online
- Managed regular communication with third-party social media partners to develop and update our marketing strategies
- Trained incoming social media managers on best practices and company tone online

## SKILLS AND VOLUNTEER ROLES

### LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER ROLES

- Jewish Voices for Peace  
Charlotte - Apr. 2024 to present
- Sunrise Movement Charlotte -  
Jan. 2020 to May 2024
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg  
NAACP - July 2020 to Nov.  
2024

### PUBLIC RELATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT

- 7 years of experience with non-profits, grassroots organizations and local businesses

## TRAININGS

### STOKE COLLECTIVE

- Facilitation Training

## EDUCATION

### UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

- Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Public Relations

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**Statement to Applicants****Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

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**Profile**

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Initial

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Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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3 years**My age range is (please select one): \*** Over 55**Ethnicity \*** African American**Gender \*** Male

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**Interests & Experiences****Education**

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Environmental Planning (PhD) compliance, research and teaching

New York University

Employer

Visiting Associate  
Professor

Occupation

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## Business and civic experience

Environmental compliance officer, EPA deputy Manager for the City government of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, founder and first Executive Director of Gulelle Botanic Garden ( a joint institute of the City government and Addis Ababa University). Assistant professor of environmental studies at Kotebe Metropolitan University ( Addis Ababa) and a visiting Associate Professor of environmental Planning with New York University.

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## Area of expertise and interests/skills

Environmental management with special emphasis to urban environmental issues (Air pollution and monitoring, Municipal Waste management, Urban green planning and management)

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## Additional Information

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No

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

To contribute to the community and the world at large in protecting the earth

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

Yes  No

**Hours Per Month Available for Position**

10

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

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[Tekle\\_Kahsay\\_ResumSt.pdf](#)

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Yes  No

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I Agree

**Signature of Applicant (Sign Your Legal Name):**

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Tekle Woldegerima Kahsay

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**Fully Work Authorized · No Visa Sponsorship Required**

### **Professional Summary**

Environmental Professional with Ph.D. in environmental planning, an expert in environmental sustainability analysis, environmental, social, and governance (ESG) impact assessment, environmental permit, compliance, and enforcement management, soil, water, and land use planning. Proven track record as environmental manager, educator, and researcher. Founder, and first executive director/ environmental manager of the Gullele Botanic Garden. Exceptionally talented in partnership building among environmental agencies, academic institutions, and public stakeholders who achieved each one's goals of capacity building and experience sharing. Strong environmental communicator and collaborator. Skilled in environmental techniques and positively impacted and contributed to building sustainable environments and communities. Dependable and detail-oriented, handled multiple tasks focused on efficient resource use, uniquely combined planning and problem-solving abilities, research, and leadership aptitudes, with all-rounded multidisciplinary training and experiences.

### **Key Skills**

- Computer applications (MS Office, stats apps), data tabulation, interpretation, and reporting
- Program planning, management, organization, and implementation
- Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) impact assessments, evaluations, and EIS report reviews
- Federal and Regional environmental permit issuance and management
- Skilled leadership in organization setup, human resources, and budget administration
- Wastewater, hazardous, institutional, and municipal waste management, reuse, and recycling techniques
- Environmental compliance and enforcement including water and land pollution monitoring and inspection.

### **Professional Experience**

**I. Visiting Associate Professor of Environmental Planning**  
**New York University, NY, United States**

**Since Sep. 2024**

- Offered courses on environmental systems analysis and regulatory frameworks ( impact assessment, compliance, policy, law, natural resources management, biodiversity, climate change impact, and mitigation) for graduate programs.
- Researching urban environment, land use, greenspace, waste management, and coordinated university community outreach programs
- Attended faculty meetings to discuss strategy and goals, student outcome assessments, and updated course contents based on industry research developments

**II. Assistant Professor of Environmental Planning**  
**Kotebe Metropolitan University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.**

**Sep. 2016 to Dec.2022**

*Public University dedicated to teaching, research, and community services. Provides several graduate and undergraduate degrees in many scientific disciplines.*

- Offered courses on environmental, impact assessment, compliance, policy, law, natural resources management, biodiversity, climate change impact, and mitigation (for both undergraduate and graduate programs)
- Supervised senior essays and thesis papers, evaluated performances, and reported academic progress
- Researching urban environment, land use, greenspace, waste management, and coordinated university community outreach programs
- Attended faculty meetings to discuss strategy and goals, student outcome assessments, and updated course contents based on industry research developments
- Provided recommendations and referrals to students pursuing postgraduate education and employment
- Worked as a high-level team member for the university's strategic plan development

**III. Executive Director and founder**  
**Gullele Botanic Garden, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

**Sep. 2009 to Aug. 2016**

*A joint research and development institute under the Addis Ababa City Government and Addis Ababa University with more than 120 employees.*

- Rendered strategic leadership that principally achieved the vision and mission of the botanic garden by devising short and long-term plans, budget administration, employee recruiting, and training
- Supervised landscape and building surveying, design and construction works, and inventory of resources

- Maintained accountability and integrity for operational and fiscal budget management/administration
- Prepared reports and briefed the managing board on performance and trends in program implementation
- Overseen implementation of environmental standards, permits, and compliance
- Prepared legal and institutional frameworks for the functionality of the botanic garden

#### IV. Deputy General Manager and Head of Department

Oct. 1998 to Aug. 2009

##### The Environmental Protection Authority, Addis Ababa City Government, Ethiopia

*The Addis Ababa City Government agency responsible for the environment has more than 100 employees.*

- Supervised implementation of environmental standards, permits, compliance and enforcement
- Ensured efficient use of human and material resources of the authority, supervised implementation of projects and programs in harmony with plan and budget
- Led or coordinated technical departments on environmental education, impact assessment, nature conservation, and pollution control
- Guided development of legal frameworks, technical guidelines, and standards, supervised studies on pollution, urban land use and green space, and impacts on plant species
- Presented papers on international workshops based on my studies in Addis Ababa and elsewhere on various environmental topics
- Devised cooperation agreements with Addis Ababa University, Stuttgart University, and IZES resulting in research and capacity-building projects

#### V. Environmental Consultant, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Sep. 2005 to Dec. 2022

*Private consultancy firm by a group of professionals including myself dealing with environmental studies.*

- Carried out
  - Environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) studies at project and strategic levels.
  - ESIA for the Addis Ababa housing project, which converted large tracts of farmlands into urban settings
  - ESIA for six large-scale irrigation projects in Ethiopia, funded by the African Development Bank
  - ESIA study for chemical and glass production for a Chinese multinational company establishments
  - ESIA for establishment and functioning of wastewater treatment plants for the leather industry
- Provided technical assistance and training for hazardous materials and waste management programs
- Assisted agencies and corporations in developing proper standards to minimize environmental risks
- Advised government, private, and public on environment management based on scientific studies

### Education

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>Doctoral (PhD), Environmental Planning,</b>             | <b>06/30/2016</b> |
| Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia                              |                   |
| 2. <b>Post Graduate Diploma, Environmental Management,</b>    | <b>06/30/2004</b> |
| University of Ghent, Belgium                                  |                   |
| 3. <b>Master of Science (MS), Environmental Science,</b>      | <b>03/27/1998</b> |
| University of Twente, ITC, The Netherlands                    |                   |
| 4. <b>Bachelor of Science (BS), Agriculture/Horticulture,</b> | <b>10/30/1994</b> |
| Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, India                      |                   |

### Professional Training/Affiliations

- Hazardous and municipal waste management for sustainable urban development, Alcala University, Madrid, Spain.
- Environmental impact and strategic environmental assessment, World Bank and CSIR South Africa
- Leadership skills, Ethiopian Management Institute, Ethiopia
- Environmental hazard and risk, prediction, analysis and management, University of Naples, Italy
- Municipal waste reuse and recycling for income generation and employment, Technical University of Saarbrucken, Saarbrucken, Germany
- Application of remote sensing and GIS techniques for environmental analysis, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK

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**Profile**

Abraham

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

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6 years**My age range is (please select one): \*** 30 to 45**Ethnicity \*** Caucasian/Non-Hispanic**Gender \*** Male

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**Interests & Experiences**

## Education

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Masters in Technology & Design

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Employer

Utility & Policy Manager

Occupation

## Business and civic experience

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Worked in commercial heating & cooling with Trane. Now I work with building code and manage utility engagement around the nation for my company.

## Area of expertise and interests/skills

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Energy efficiency & sustainability

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No

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I want to be more involved in my community, I'm knowledgeable, and believe I have meaningful ideas to contribute.

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

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Yes  No

## Hours Per Month Available for Position

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

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NotifyMe Email

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Upload a Resume

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## Disclosure

## Are you a Mecklenburg County resident?

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Yes  No

**Are you a current Mecklenburg County employee? (Mecklenburg County employees are prohibited from serving on any board where appointments are made by the Board of Commissioners. 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@mecknc.gov before submitting an application.)**

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

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## **Board Specific Questions**

Question applies to Air Quality Commission

**AQC: Which of the following represents your vocation or interest? \***

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- Environmental
- Scientist

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I Agree

**Signature of Applicant (Sign Your Legal Name):**

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Abe Somers

# Abraham B. Somers

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## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

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My strengths and focus have been in project management, sales engineering, and technical expertise within the HVAC, process application, commercial and industrial, and construction. My 17 years of work experience showcase a history of success, from leading teams and projects to increasing sales and managing client relationships. I have a strong foundation in technical skills and relevant software programs.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

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|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ● Project Management | ● Leadership             | ● Workflow Prioritization   |
| ● Troubleshooting    | ● Problem Solving        | ● Business Operations       |
| ● Resource Planning  | ● Process Improvement    | ● Account Management        |
| ● Strategic Planning | ● Cross-Functional Teams | ● Communication Skills      |
| ● Compliance         | ● Customer Service       | ● Stakeholder Relationships |

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Aeroseal**, Charlotte, North Carolina

**Application Engineering / Product Application Specialist**

**2024 - Present**

- Lead development of new envelope applications including Attic Solution feasibility, partner trials, and R&D alignment.
- Build and maintain Aeroseal's utility/DSM/AMI intelligence hub to guide strategic program engagement.
- Provide modeling and airtightness guidance for major builder opportunities including Pulte and Crescent Communities.
- Represent Aeroseal at national conferences (RESNET, PhiusCon, BPA, AEE) and deliver technical presentations.
- Maintain and expand internal energy-modeling library (250+ base models) and building-science resource materials.
- Launch and lead a bi-weekly Building Science Roundtable to elevate organization-wide technical fluency.
- Support early-stage global expansion efforts, including exploratory engagement with European markets.
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## SELECTED PROJECTS

- Pilot New Solution R&D: Designed feasibility structure, coordinated partner trials, and assisted with field testing protocol.
- Utility Program Database: Built comprehensive DSM/AMI intelligence used for Aeroseal's 2026 utility strategy.
- Builder Demonstration Homes: Supported airtightness planning, modeling, and application feasibility for key builder partners.
- Internal Resource Library: Developed Aeroseal's standardized building-science knowledge hub for Sales, R&D, and Product.

**Stanley Black & Decker**, Charlotte, North Carolina

**Field Engineer (nonstructural) — Construction Technology**

**2021 – 2024**

Over the Southeast region, responsible for generating new business and ensuring future growth of specified SBD product lines and complimentary tools and accessories. Accomplished this by working with MEP & FP design engineers and contractors to specify primarily fastening products, as well as with our sales team to assist contractors and distributors during the bidding, submittal, and construction phases of a project.

- Launching a new role for SBD

- Launch new partnerships for SBD
- Oversee new technology implementation from the company – for example, the maturity sensors and error prevention software that were introduced in 2022
- Working through the entire process, from design to installation of SBD specified products
- Work with all trades associated with the construction process, from design to installation

**Atlas Copco**, Charlotte, North Carolina

**Sales Engineer — Industrial Cooling Systems Division**

**2020 – 2021**

Manages the entire contract base for the North America Division with a particular focus on process chilling division. Oversees pipeline, campaigning, customer relationships, sizing systems and designing process loops, engaging in site visits, and more. Performs proposals, and lead generation. Communicates proposals and selections with stakeholders so they understand selections scope and commitments while maintaining a positive.

- Launching a new business line for Atlas Copco
- Focused on process chilled water loops and process applications.
- Develop campaign strategies and deployment.
- Identify supply chain issues and solutions.
- New customer development.
- Submit monthly forecast.

**Trane**, Greenville, South Carolina & Charlotte, North Carolina

**Service Project Manager—Carolinas Commercial Service HVAC Division**

**2019 – 2020**

Manages the entire contract base for the Division with a particular focus on a large healthcare account. Oversees project scheduling and task delegation, tracking workflow, communicating and coordinating with site managers, engaging in site visits, and more. Performs takeoffs, estimating, and resource leveling. Guarantees that project scope and commitments are fulfilled while building and sustaining productive and positive relationships with stakeholders.

- Identified to serve in a newly created position, which is to be implemented throughout the District.
- Leads a team of 8 direct reports while supervising float employees that operate on site in a limited capacity; directs, coaches, and organizes all activities on a daily basis.
- Developed a database used in status tracking, resources forecasting, and pull-through measuring.
- Monitored and guaranteed contract performance and compliance; results led to a substantial increase in customer satisfaction scores as measured by online surveys.
- Assisted in the strategic planning that led to the increase of the team's profit margin to 36% of gross revenue margin.
- Attained targeted project deadlines as a team and aided in the contract's continuous growth.

**Project Manager— Trane Commercial Turnkey HVAC Division**

**2018 – 2019**

Onboarded to the Contracting division to oversee all aspects of construction projects from beginning to end with direct responsibility for leading a team to accomplish specific objectives. Responsible for administration and implementation initiatives while achieving assigned projects' scope of work, schedule, and budget and ensuring compliance.

- Charged with the management of large and small-scale projects including the overhaul and replacement of a chiller plant for Bank of America stadium, an open-air NFL stadium.
- Generated monthly forecasts and provided accurate takeoffs and estimates.
- Created and implemented workflow breakdowns utilized in new software deployment; successfully implemented Trello as a project management tool.
- Maintained customer satisfaction through the investigation of concerns, troubleshooting, conflict resolution, and timely communication.

**Appalachian State University**, Boone, North Carolina

**Graduate Assistant—Department of Sustainable Technology & the Built Environment** 2016 – 2017

Assisted a full-time professor and provided research assistance in areas related to Building Energy Modeling and Simulations. Examined building performance and systems while reporting to Asst. Professor Dr. Andrew Windham.

- Utilized BEopt, SketchUP, Open Studio, Energy Plus, Autodesk AutoCAD, and Revit technology platforms.

**Somers Sheet Metal** Greensboro, North Carolina

**Sheet Metal Fabrication & Repair Specialist** 2006 – 2017

- Worked in a wide range of process plants ranging from textile, metal, all the way to food and pharmaceuticals.
- Leak Detection & Repair – helped diagnose and repair equipment.
- Working with Various Metals and applications
- Precision & Attention to Detail

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## **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Headwaters Enterprises, Inc.**, Blowing Rock, North Carolina

**Carpenter**

**2016**

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## **EDUCATION**

**Master of Science in Technology—Building Science**, 2017

Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina

**Bachelor of Science in Humanities**, 2011

East Carolina State University, Greenville, North Carolina

*Minor in Psychology*

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## **HONORS & COMMENDABLE ACHIEVEMENTS**

**U.S. Department of Energy**, 2016 - 2017

**Race to Zero International Student Design Competition Participant**

- Invited to participate in the competition as a member of one university team selected out of hundreds of global colleges; grew and developed skills and experience in clean energy, design, and construction management.
- Led a construction team of 8 students; designed a truly affordable and sustainable home focused by formulating creative solutions centered on energy conservation.
- Attained 2nd place standing in the Suburban Single-Family Division of the competition.

**Boy Scouts of America—Troop #103**, Summerfield, North Carolina, 2005

**Eagle Scout Award, Brotherhood of the Arrow**

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## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

**Habitat for Humanity**, 2016 – 2017

**Volunteer**

**Social Tap—The Haiti Initiative (THI)**, 2014

**School Development Volunteer**

- Volunteered to serve a grassroots non-governmental organization (NGO) in a partnership with the Haiti-based group Konbit Pou Ayiti (KONPAY). Assisted with community building initiatives including the construction of a primary school.

## TECHNOLOGICAL PROFICIENCIES

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- MS Office Suite
- Adobe Office Suite
- AutoCAD
- Revit
- 3ds Max
- Manual J
- Unreal Game Engine
- PowerBI
- REMRate
- Oracle
- Tableau
- BeOpt
- Open Studio
- WUFI
- Energy Payback Schedules
- Life Cycle Analysis
- Unity
- Manual D
- RemRate

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**Statement to Applicants****Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

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Air Quality Commission: Submitted

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**Profile**

Jamie

First Name

Wildgoose

Last Name

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

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N/A

wildgoose.jamie@gmail.com

Email Address

6835 Covecreek Drive

Home Address

Charlotte

City

NC

State

28215

Postal Code

Mobile: (401) 474-6101

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

**What Mecklenburg County District do you live in? Please verify below. \*** 3**How long have you been a resident of Mecklenburg County? Please include months, or years.**

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5**My age range is (please select one): \*** 18 to 29**Ethnicity \*** Caucasian/Non-Hispanic**Gender \*** Male**Ethnicity \*** Caucasian-Non-Hispanic

## Gender \*

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Male

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## Interests & Experiences

### Education

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Emmanuel College - Bachelor's of Arts in Global Justice and Sustainability

North Carolina Healthcare  
Association

Employer

Program Manager Social  
Impact

Occupation

### Business and civic experience

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Nonprofit Mortgage Sustainability

### Area of expertise and interests/skills

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Environment Rights Equality Health Future for All

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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.**

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No

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

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I am interested in serving on the Air Quality Commission and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee because my professional work has centered on strengthening community health, equity, and collaboration across diverse sectors. In my current role with the North Carolina Healthcare Association, I help communities design and implement sustainable, data-driven solutions that address social and environmental factors influencing health—many of which are directly linked to air quality and community cohesion. My experience supporting community-based organizations, facilitating inclusive conversations, and building shared goals among hospitals, anchor institutions, and local partners has shown me how critical trust, communication, and environmental conditions are to a community's well-being. Across roles in philanthropy, social impact, partnerships, and civic engagement, I have consistently worked to elevate community voice, improve systems, and advance outcomes that benefit residents. Serving on these boards would allow me to bring that collaborative, equity-focused perspective to local policy and community engagement efforts, and to contribute meaningfully to a healthier, more connected Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

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Yes  No

### Hours Per Month Available for Position

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10-15 hours

Jamie Wildgoose

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

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I Agree

**Signature of Applicant (Sign Your Legal Name):**

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Jamie Wildgoose

▫ Mecklenburg County, NC

# Air Quality Commission

## Board Details

The Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners created the Mecklenburg County Air Quality Commission (AQC) with the mission and duty to promote the protection, preservation, and enhancement of the ambient air resources of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

The AQC shall provide citizen and stakeholder input to the Board of County Commissioners, local municipalities and staff through the review and recommendation of air pollution management policies, long-range plans, operations and their budgetary impacts in order to achieve the above mission.

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## Overview

- **Size** 12 Seats
  - **Term Length** 3 Year
  - **Term Limit** 2 Term
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## Contact

- **Name** Leshishua Pierce
  - **Phone** (980) 314-3359
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## Additional

**Qualifications**

Persons serving must be a resident of Mecklenburg County. Appointed members must attend a minimum of 65% of all scheduled meetings in a calendar year and cannot miss three consecutive meetings. Failure to comply with attendance requirements will result in removal from the advisory board.

**Advisory Board Details**

The membership of the Air Quality Control shall be divided according to the following vocations or interests represented: One (1) Health Professional (HP), One (1) Engineer (ENG), One (1) Industrial (I), One (1) Scientist (S), One (1) Environmental (E), One (1) Attorney (ATTY), One (1) Transportation (T), and Five (5) General Public (GP). The Board shall ensure that at least four (4) members shall reside in the City of Charlotte; at least one (1) member shall reside in the Town of Cornelius (COR), Davidson (D) or Huntersville (HUN) and one (1) member shall reside in the Town of Matthews (MAT), Mint Hill (MH) or Pineville (PINE).

**Meeting Dates/Times**

Monthly- 4th Monday at 11:30 a.m.

**Meeting Location**

Suttle Avenue County Service Center - 2145 Suttle Avenue Charlotte, NC 28202, 4th Floor Ed Woods Conference Room

**Time Commitment**

1.5 hour per month

**Stipend**

No

**Special Notes**

Tue 2/8/2022 12:03 PM (email from Ieshishua S. Pierce to Aaron Alexander): "I would like to note that we currently have 3 members serving that we would like to have listed in the Granicus system until the following 3 vacant slots listed below are filled, please advise. " - Currently vacant- Matthews (General Public) currently filled by Gordon Miller - Currently vacant - Huntersville (Industrial) currently filled by Marcus Hackler (Vice Chair) - Currently vacant - Attorney currently filled by Peter McGrath (Chair)  
\*Currently serving until vacancies are filled\*\*

**Job Description**

Mecklenburg County, NC

# Air Quality Commission

## Board Roster

### Peter McGrath Jr.

**2nd Term** Feb 15, 2011 - Aug 01, 2020

**Email** petermcgrath@mvalaw.com

**Home Phone** : 7043707792

**Alternate Phone** : 7043311081

**Address**

1010 Lexington Av  
Charlotte, NC 28203

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** ATTORNEY

### Marcus Hackler

**2nd Term** Aug 05, 2014 - Aug 31, 2020

**Email** mwhackler@laneconstruct.com

**Home Phone** : 7043153014

**Alternate Phone** : 7043953264

**Address**

9711 Rose Commons Dr  
313  
Huntersville, NC 28078

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** NORTHERN TOWNS-INDUSTRIAL

### Brian Magi

**2nd Term** Aug 03, 2016 - Aug 31, 2024

**Email** brian.magi@unc.edu

**Home Phone** Home: (980) 333-7126

**Address**

9514 Fernspray Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28215

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** SCIENTIST

### Richard Matulis

**1st Term** Jun 21, 2023 - Aug 31, 2026

**Email** rmmatulis@aol.com

**Home Phone** Home: (704) 321-7274

**Address**

6231 Falls Lake Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28270

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** GENERAL PUBLIC

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□ **Steven Moore**

**Partial Term** Feb 18, 2025 - Aug 31, 2027

**Email** stevenpmoore@me.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (917) 733-0110

**Address**

711 E Morehead St Apt 1101  
Charlotte, NC 28202

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** TRANSPORTATION

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□ **Karl F Welke**

**2nd Term** Aug 04, 2021 - Aug 31, 2027

**Email** karlwelke@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (503) 545-7453

**Address**

3115 Wickersham Road  
Charlotte, NC 28211

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** GENERAL PUBLIC

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□ **Ronald E Ross**

**1st Term** Nov 06, 2024 - Aug 31, 2028

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**Home Phone** Mobile: (704) 399-5959

**Address**

3108 Dawnshire Ave  
Charlotte, NC 28216

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** ENVIRONMENTAL

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□ **Janet Garner-mullins**

**2nd Term** Feb 16, 2021 - Aug 31, 2028

**Email** jmullin0@bellsouth.net

**Home Phone** Home: (704) 491-3089

**Address**

1014 Comstock Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28217

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** GENERAL PUBLIC

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□ **Daniel K Kapuba**

**1st Term** Sep 16, 2025 - Aug 31, 2028

**Email** kapuba@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (202) 834-9867

**Alternate Phone** Mobile: (980) 263-1283

**Address**

10009 Erica Woods Lane  
Charlotte, NC 28215

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** GENERAL PUBLIC

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□ **Gregory D Twait**

**2nd Term** Sep 07, 2022 - Aug 31, 2028

**Email** gtwait@outlook.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (803) 908-7550

**Alternate Phone** Home: (704) 947-6165

**Address**

8408 Wren Creek Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28269

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** ENGINEER

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□ **Vacancy**

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** GENERAL PUBLIC

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□ **Vacancy**

**Appointing Authority** BOCC

**Category** HEALTH PROFESSIONAL