

Historic Landmarks Commission

Nominees At-A-Glance

One (1) Three-year term expiring July 31, 2027

Name	District	Gender	Ethnicity
Dunn, Andrew	5	Male	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic
Leskowat, Catherine	5	Female	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

On July 2, 2024, the Board nominated Andrew Dunn and Catherine Leskowat for appointment consideration to the Historic Landmarks Commission.

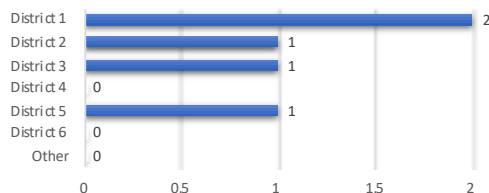
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION DEMOGRAPHICS

Districts

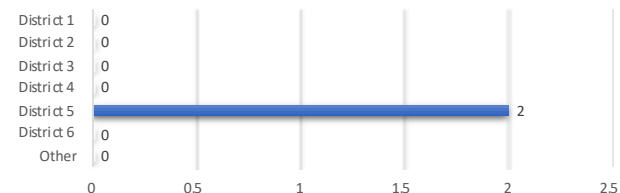
	Members	Nominees
District 1	2	0
District 2	1	0
District 3	1	0
District 4	0	0
District 5	1	2
District 6	0	0
Other	0	0
Total	5	2

BOCC Members Only

Members by District



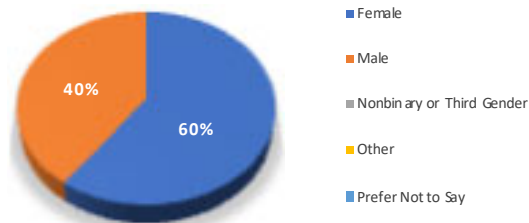
Nominees by District



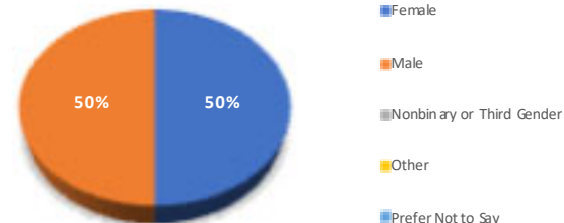
Gender

	Members	Nominees
Female	3	1
Male	2	1
Nonbinary or Third Gender	0	0
Other	0	0
Prefer Not to Say	0	0
Total	5	2

Members by Gender



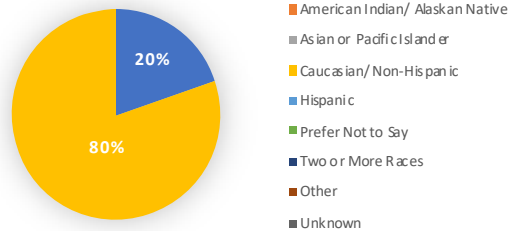
Nominees by Gender



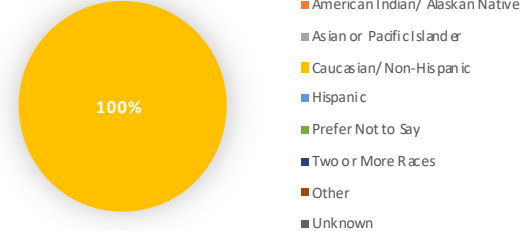
Ethnicity

	Members	Nominees
African-American	1	0
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	0	0
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0
Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	4	2
Hispanic	0	0
Prefer Not to Say	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0
Other	0	0
Unknown	0	0
Total	5	2

Members by Ethnicity



Nominees by Ethnicity



Historic Landmarks Commission

Recommendation Statement

From: [Stuart, Elizabeth A](#)
To: [Little, Madison S.](#)
Cc: [Gray, Stewart](#); [County Clerk](#)
Subject: HLC Vacancy Recommendation
Date: Friday, June 21, 2024 9:36:32 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Hi Madison!

We were not able to get a vacancy recommendation from our Chair, but staff has reviewed the applicants and recommends Andrew Dunn with Catherine Leskowat as an alternate. Let me know if you need anything else from us.

Thanks,
Elizabeth



Elizabeth A. Stuart
Senior Administrative Support Assistant
Historic Landmarks
Mecklenburg County Government
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[MeckNC.Gov](#) | [LandmarksCommission.org](#)



Statement to Applicants

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

Historic Landmarks Commission: Submitted

Andrew

First Name

Dunn

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

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City

NC

State

28210

Postal Code

Mobile: (910) 264-8370

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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

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

13 years

My age range is (please select one): *

 30 to 45**Ethnicity ***

 Caucasian/Non-Hispanic**Gender ***

 Male

Interests & Experiences

Education

Bachelor's degree in journalism with a minor in Spanish, UNC-Chapel Hill

Home Solutions

Employer

Content Manager

Occupation

Business and civic experience

I have more than a decade of experience as a journalist, small business owner, entrepreneur and marketer in Charlotte, beginning with a role as reporter and editor with The Charlotte Observer. At the newspaper, I covered banking and finance, and later moved into covering education and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. From there, I helped launch Charlotte Agenda, serving as editor-in-chief and member of the ownership team. After leaving the media industry, I've specialized in content writing and search engine optimization (SEO), working with several locally based companies. Civically, I am an active member of Christ Lutheran Church, a volunteer with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and a long-time leader with the Boy Scouts of America.

Area of expertise and interests/skills

I am an expert in writing, editing and marketing. I also have wealth of experience with issues of business, finance, history and education, and a deep understanding of Charlotte and its history.

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.

No

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

Mecklenburg County Board of Equalization and Review: My extensive background in business journalism equips me uniquely for the Mecklenburg County Board of Equalization and Review. Having reported on and managed content around financial issues, including mortgages and personal finance, I possess a nuanced understanding of valuation and the financial challenges faced by taxpayers. This role requires the ability to analyze complex information and make equitable decisions, qualities I've honed through years of scrutinizing business practices and financial policies. My commitment to fairness and my analytical skills, developed over a career of holding entities accountable and conveying intricate financial information to the public, align perfectly with the board's mission to ensure fair and just assessments.

Park and Recreation Commission: As someone who has been deeply involved in local media and community engagement, I am excited about the opportunity to serve on the Park and Recreation Commission. My work in launching influential publications and managing large teams focused on local coverage, including development and community issues, underscores my commitment to enhancing the quality of life in Mecklenburg County. My extensive experience in advising and strategizing on public communications, combined with my firsthand knowledge of the community's needs and aspirations, positions me to effectively advocate for and contribute to the development of a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable recreational landscape. My dedication to public service, underscored by my recognition as an Eagle Scout, drives my passion for creating and preserving spaces that enrich our community's social, cultural, and physical well-being.

Historic Landmarks Commission: With a robust background in journalism, digital media publishing, and community engagement, I bring a unique perspective to the Historic Landmarks Commission. My career has centered on highlighting the cultural, social, and economic narratives of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, making me particularly attuned to the importance of preserving our architectural and historical heritage. Through my work, I have developed a deep appreciation for the stories that buildings, landmarks, and spaces tell about our collective past, and I am committed to ensuring these stories are preserved for future generations. My expertise in content creation, public relations, and strategic communications, combined with a passionate commitment to our community's heritage, will enable me to effectively contribute to the commission's goals of education, preservation, and enhancement of our city and county's historical treasures.

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

Yes No

Hours Per Month Available for Position

10-20

How did you learn of the vacancy? *

Mecklenburg County Website

[RV_Dunn_Resume_2024.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Disclosure

Are you a Mecklenburg County resident?

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.)

Yes No

Are you a current vendor with Mecklenburg County?

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.

Yes No

Disclaimer

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.

I Agree

Signature of Applicant (Sign Your Legal Name):

Andrew Dunn

Board Specific Questions

Andrew Dunn

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Content Manager, Three Ships (December 2022-Present)

- Responsible for SEO content marketing strategy and production for a major financial industry client. Built the team from scratch, moving from zero writers and \$0 in revenue to four editors, two writers and \$10,000+ per week and growing.
- Managing a team of in-house writers and editors, as well as a broader freelance network.
- Created a content workflow to boost production from zero to 100+ articles per month.
- Implemented “best-in-class” content standards and article refresh procedures to boost quality.

Financial Freelance Writer (August 2019-December 2022)

- Financial, business and spot news writer with bylines in local and national publications, including Fox Business, LendingTree, Credit Karma, Insurify and Credible.
- Optimized content for lead generation and conversions using SEO best practices.

Managing Editor/Mortgage, LendingTree (November 2018-July 2019)

- Responsible for all online content driving customers to LendingTree’s flagship product.
- Published 50+ articles monthly across multiple domains. Responsibilities included developing story ideas, communicating assignments, managing projects, editing copy, and using search engine optimization techniques to drive page views and conversions.
- Managed a team of two full-time writers and numerous freelancers.

Editor-in-Chief and Partner, Charlotte Agenda (August 2015-October 2018)

- Ultimately responsible for all content at the nation's fastest-growing local media company.
- Oversaw daily email newsletter growth from 4,000 subscribers to 36,000+.
- Managed a team of full-time and freelance reporters to own local coverage of development, politics, entrepreneurship, retail, food+drink, things to do and explanatory journalism.

Reporter/Editor, The Charlotte Observer (October 2011-August 2015)

- Award-winning banking and finance reporter responsible for covering two of Charlotte’s largest employers, Bank of America and Wells Fargo, along with regional banks and financial institutions. Stories included uncovering banks exploiting a loophole in a national mortgage settlement and detailing Wall Street’s incursion into the local home market.
- Served regularly as night metro editor, coordinating coverage of breaking news and daily news stories, and overseeing the local pages in the daily newspaper.

Awards

- Two North Carolina Press Association awards in business writing (2013, 2014) for stories on Wall Street firms buying Charlotte homes.
- SABEW Best in Business awards in 2009, 2011 and 2012.
- Eagle Scout, awarded in 2003.

Education

B.A., UNC-Chapel Hill, 2010. Journalism major, certificate in business journalism, Spanish minor. Served as editor-in-chief of The Daily Tar Heel during the 2009-10 school year.

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Catherine

First Name

R

Middle
Initial

Leskowat

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Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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4 years

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 Female

Interests & Experiences

Catherine R Leskowat

Education

University of Oklahoma School of Architecture, 2013, BS of Interior Design

Hartranft Lighting Design

Employer

Architectural Lighting
Designer

Occupation

Business and civic experience

Literacy tutor, New Haven, CT, Special education Surrogate Parent, Cambridge, MA

Area of expertise and interests/skills

Interior Design, Lighting Design, Architecture Education

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No.

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

The Akers Estate down the road from my home is one of the reasons I learned about the commission's work. I love the city of Charlotte and feel if we don't care for our historic properties, (and our beautiful trees!) we will lose a lot of our soul. Thank you for your consideration. I would be so grateful to have the opportunity to serve our community alongside this commission!

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

Yes No

Hours Per Month Available for Position

15-20

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[Leskowat Resume July 2023_2.pdf](#)

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I Agree

Signature of Applicant (Sign Your Legal Name):

Catherine Leskawat

Board Specific Questions

Catherine Leskawat | Lighting Designer & Educator

WELL AP, LEED AP ID+C, Associate IALD, MIES

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Architectural Lighting Designer

Hartranft Lighting Design, Senior Associate Lighting Designer, 2020-Present
Lam Partners, Senior Associate Lighting Designer, Chair of Science Lab, 2017-2020
Available Light, Associate Lighting Designer, 2016-2017
Atelier Ten, Lighting Designer, 2013-2016
IBE Consulting Engineers (now Stantec), Intern Lighting Designer, 2012

Educator

Wentworth Institute of Technology (WIT), 2020
Lighting Design for Interiors, 2020
Boston Architectural College (BAC), 2017-2019
Lighting Design for Interiors, Fall 2017
Detailing and Documents, Fall 2018
Building Systems, Lighting, Spring 2018
Lighting Design for Interiors, Spring 2018
Portfolio Workshop, Spring, 2019
Grant Project, Lighting Considerations for Senior Living, 2019
Goodheart Wilcox Publishing House, Textbook Review, Interior Design, 2018
Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) Lighting Certification Prep
Fundamentals of Lighting, Daylighting, 2016

Affiliations

International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD)
IALD Student Member 2011-2013
Student Ambassador, 2021-2013
Travel Stipend Recipient, Light Fair, 2011
Travel Stipend Recipient, IALD Enlighten Americas, 2012
IALD Member 2013-Present
Education Trust Board of Directors, 2021-Present
Travel Stipend Committee, 2015-2021, Chair, 2016-Present
IALD Awards Committee, 2018
Illuminating Engineering Society (IES), Associate 2013-Present
US Green Building Council (USGBC), LEED AP ID+C, 2016-2019, WELL AP, 2022-Present
International Interior Design Association (IIDA), Associate 2011-2020
BOSLady, Business Women's Networking and Thought Leadership, Co-founder, 2018-Present

Affiliations (cont.)

Women in Commercial Real Estate (CREW), DEI Committee, 2021-Present

Speaking and Publications

IALD Education Trust Spotlight, 2014, "Momentum"

Elkus Manfredi Architects, 2019, "Introduction to Lighting for the Circadian System"

Inclusive Designers Podcast, (S1 E4) 2019, "Lighting and the Circadian System"

NEOCon 2019, "The Next Generation of Senior Residents Expects More out of their Lighting"

USGBC-MA, 2020, "Light for Health and Wellness: WELL Design and Beyond"

IES Conference, 2021, "Not your Average Old Boys Club: Supporting Female Talent beyond the AP"

IES, Boston Chapter, 2022, "Lighting for Accessibility"

LightFair International, Las Vegas, 2022, "Accessibility in Lighting"

IALD Enlighten Americas, Palm Springs, 2022, "Who's in Your Corner? Fostering Mentorship Relationships in your Career"

AIA Lunch & Learn, Charlotte Chapter, 2022, "How to Tame Your Dragon: or Light as a Medium"

Bright Ideas for Healthy Spaces Conference and Trade Show, 2023, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Raleigh, "Accessibility in Lighting"

Lovers of Light Debate, Boston, 2022

Awards

AIA Honor Award, UMass Amherst John W. Olver Design Building, LWA, 2023

AIA COTE Top Ten Award, UMass Amherst John W. Olver Design Building, LWA, 2020

BSA Sustainable Design Honor Award, UMass Amherst John W. Olver Design Building, LWA, 2018

AIA NE Design Citation, Wentworth Center for Engineering, Innovation and Sciences, LWA, 2019

BSA Higher Ed. Design Award, Wentworth Center for Engineering, Innovation and Sciences, 2021

AIA NE Merit Award, Pavilion at Grace, Centerbrook, 2022

Preservation Award, Providence Preservation Society, Pavilion at Grace, Centerbrook, 2019

Religious Art and Architecture Award, Faith and Form Magazine, Pavilion at Grace, Centerbrook, 2019

IES Award of Merit, Jackson Labs, 2015

Software Proficiencies

AutoDesk CAD, 3DS Max and Revit including BIM360, Microsoft Suite including Outlook, Excel, Word and Publisher, Google Suite, Agi32, Bluebeam, Procore, Slack

Education

Bachelors of Science in Interior Design, University of Oklahoma College of Architecture, 2013

Light and Health Institute, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2016

▫ Mecklenburg County, NC

Historic Landmarks Commission

Board Details

The Historic Landmark Commission is to ensure the preservation of any property that embodies elements of the cultural, social, economic, political, or architectural history of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County for the education, pleasure and enhancement of the residents of the City and County.

Overview

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

- **Name** Elizabeth Stuart
 - **Phone** (704) 376-9115
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Additional

Qualifications

The majority of the members must have demonstrated special interest, experience or education in history or architecture. Must be a resident of Mecklenburg County.

Advisory Board Details

Appointments are made for three-year terms with no one serving more than two consecutive full terms. Appointees must take an oath of office.

Meeting Dates/Times

Monthly - 2nd Monday at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location

2100 Randolph Road Charlotte, NC 28207

Time Commitment

10 hours per month

Stipend

No

Special Notes**Job Description**

Historic Landmarks Commission

Board Roster

Victoria Grey

1st Term Apr 05, 2022 - Apr 30, 2025

Home Phone :

Appointing Authority BOCC

Emily G Makas

1st Term Jul 01, 2022 - Jun 30, 2025

Email emakas@uncc.edu

Home Phone Mobile: (571) 594-7494

Address

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Charlotte, NC 28269

No Recruitment

Appointing Authority MAYOR

Dontressa Ashford

1st Term Jul 17, 2022 - Jul 16, 2025

Email dcashford3@gmail.com

Home Phone : (704) 949-6344

No Recruitment

Appointing Authority MAYOR

Robert G Barfield

2nd Term Aug 07, 2019 - Jul 31, 2025

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Address

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Charlotte, NC 28210

Appointing Authority BOCC

Nadine Ford

1st Term Feb 14, 2022 - Jun 16, 2026

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Appointing Authority CITY COUNCIL

□ **William Hughes**

2nd Term Jun 17, 2020 - Jul 16, 2026

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Charlotte, NC 28216

No Recruitment

Appointing Authority CITY COUNCIL

□ **Andra R Eaves**

1st Term Sep 07, 2022 - Jul 31, 2026

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6812 Woodfield Drive
Charlotte, NC 28215

Appointing Authority BOCC

□ **Brian Clarke**

2nd Term Jul 02, 2019 - Jul 31, 2026

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Charlotte, NC 28278

Appointing Authority BOCC

□ **Melanie Reddrick**

1st Term Jul 17, 2024 - Jul 16, 2027

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No Recruitment

Appointing Authority CITY COUNCIL

□ **Jonathan Kincheloe**

1st Term Aug 28, 2023 - Jul 16, 2027

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Appointing Authority CITY COUNCIL

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Lesley Carroll

2nd Term Sep 08, 2021 - Jul 30, 2027

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Vacancy

Appointing Authority BOCC