

Central Piedmont Community College

Board of Trustees

Applicants At-A-Glance

One (1) Unexpired term expiring June 30, 2028

Name	District	Gender	Ethnicity
Labar, Janet	5	Female	Asian or Pacific Islander
Perera, Corinne	6	Female	Prefer Not to Answer
Spencer IV, Samuel	2	Male	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

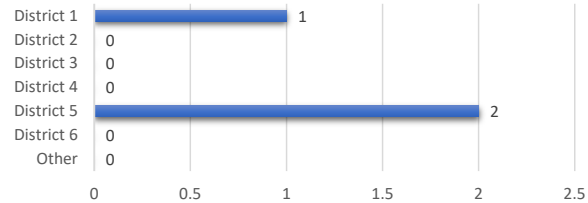
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Districts

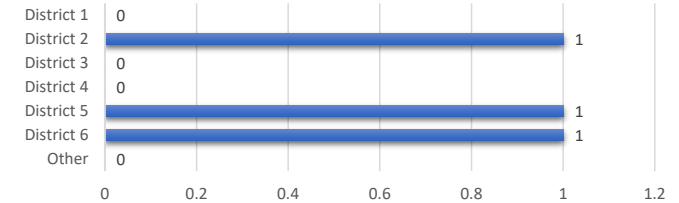
	Members	Applicants
District 1	1	0
District 2	0	1
District 3	0	0
District 4	0	0
District 5	2	1
District 6	0	1
Other	0	0
Total	3	3

BOCC Members Only

Members by District



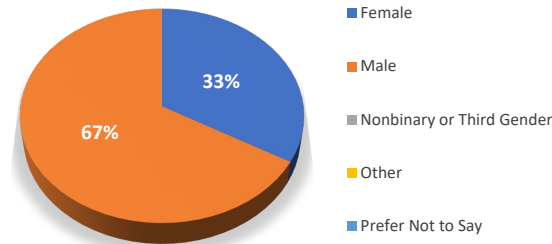
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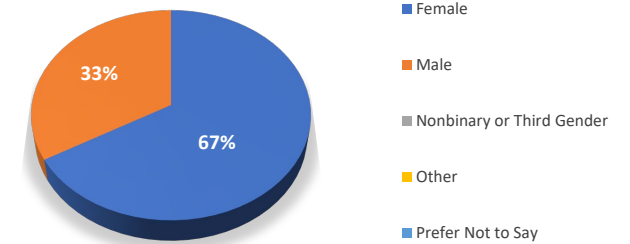
Gender

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

Members by Gender



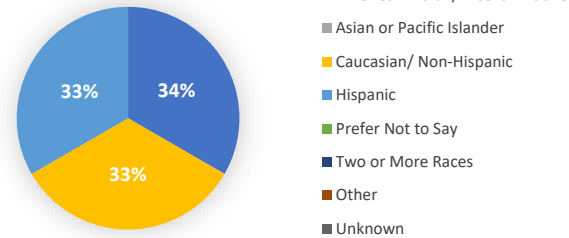
Applicants by Gender



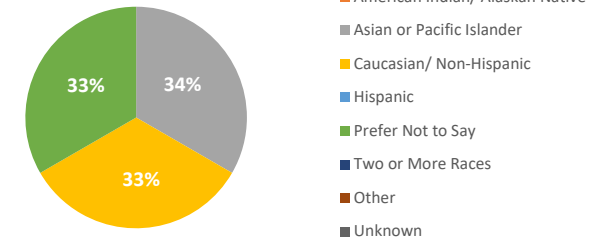
Ethnicity/Race

	Members	Applicants
African-American	1	0
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	0	0
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	1
Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	1	1
Hispanic	1	0
Prefer Not to Say	0	1
Two or More Races	0	0
Other	0	0
Unknown	0	0
Total	3	3

Members by Ethnicity/Race



Applicants by Ethnicity/Race



Recommendation Statements



December 4, 2025

Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners
Government Center
600 East 4th Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Dear Members of the Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the appointment of Janet LaBar to serve on the Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees.

As a prior Trustee serving the College from 2021-2024 appointed by former Governor Roy Cooper, Janet gained an exceptional understanding of Central Piedmont's mission and operations. Additionally in her role as a Trustee, she served on the Student Success and Academic Programs Committee, as well as the Nominating Committee. Given this experience, her return to Central Piedmont would bring institutional knowledge and continuity that would greatly benefit the Board and the College community.

For 20-plus years, Janet has led organizations and teams in developing strategies to help people and communities thrive. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated a commitment to increasing opportunities for others. Her professional background has enabled her to engage with those who share a desire for greater and more equitable outcomes in their community. In Charlotte-Mecklenburg and across the country, she's a trusted sounding board, critical thinker, and purposeful protagonist in and across nonprofit, business, government, education, entrepreneurial, and civic circles.

I encourage you to support Janet's application. Her previous service, passion for community, and institutional knowledge of the College make her an ideal candidate to serve once again on the Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Charlotte Program Director
John S. and James L. Knight Foundation

December 5, 2025

Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners
Government Center
600 East 4th Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Dear Members of the Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing to offer enthusiastic support for the appointment of Janet LaBar to the Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees. Janet is a uniquely qualified leader whose professional background and demonstrated commitment perfectly align with Central Piedmont's strategic focus on elevating student success.

For more than 20 years, Janet has cultivated and led organizations and teams focused on developing strategies to help people and communities thrive. Her career demonstrates a clear passion for increasing opportunities and driving greater, more equitable outcomes across the Charlotte-Mecklenburg region and beyond. As a trusted critical thinker and purposeful protagonist, her influence spans crucial nonprofit, business, government, and educational circles.

What makes Janet the ideal choice is her recent and direct institutional knowledge. She previously served as a Trustee from 2021-2024, appointed by former Governor Roy Cooper. In this time, she gained a solid understanding of the College's operations and strategic direction. During this term, she was an active member of the Student Success and Academic Programs Committee and served on the Nominating Committee.

Her return would not only provide immediate institutional knowledge but also ensure valuable continuity in oversight, allowing the Board to maintain momentum and focus without a learning curve.

I strongly encourage you to support Janet's application. Her proven record of strategic leadership, combined with her current institutional knowledge of the College, makes her an outstanding candidate to serve once again on the Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dena R. Diorio



November 20, 2025

Mark Jerrell
Board Chair
Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners
c/o Madison Little
600 E. 4th Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

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Dear Chair Jerrell and Commissioners,

We are writing to request your consideration to appoint Ms. Janet LaBar to the Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees to complete the term vacated by Mr. Jim Dunn. We have discussed this request with Ms. LaBar, and she has confirmed her interest in and sincere desire to build upon her long-standing commitment to the college.

Ms. LaBar has been engaged with the college for many years. From 2021 to 2024, she served as a Trustee, providing sound counsel and strong governance oversight in her role, particularly as the college emerged from a post-pandemic environment. She has been a strong advocate for the college, considering how the college can better support workforce development for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg region, and ensuring the college remains integrated with the business community to understand their talent needs – both now and in the future.

Ms. LaBar also volunteered as a Ruth G. Shaw mentor through the college's mentorship program from 2020 to 2021. She dedicated her time and talent to our students, offering coaching, career guidance, and friendship to students nominated for the program. This program continues to prioritize student success thanks to mentors like Ms. LaBar.

In good faith, Ms. LaBar resigned from her role as a Trustee when she left her role as chief executive officer of the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance. She felt it was in the best interest of the college for another business leader to assume her role as a Trustee while she stepped away from the business world to tend to her family. She has recently stepped back into the business and philanthropic community in her new role as executive director of the Women's Impact Fund, a leading nonprofit organization with almost 500 members in Charlotte. The Fund has awarded \$8.5+ million in grants to more than 110 nonprofit organizations in Mecklenburg County.

Given her previous role at the Alliance, as well as her current role at the Women's Impact Fund, Ms. LaBar brings a unique perspective to the Trustee table. Through her



decades of local leadership in Charlotte and beyond, she understands the pivotal role of education and community impact, and the need to drive economic growth through bold visions and cross-industry initiatives. She also understands community colleges serve as the workforce engine of a growing region, the importance of stakeholder engagement, and the tangible outcomes of cultivating private-public partnerships to ensure the vitality of local communities.

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Aligned with Central Piedmont's commitment to expanding resources for students, including scholarships, career pathways and mentorship programs, Ms. LaBar's experience will ensure the college continues to evolve and expand our focus on student success. As you know, Central Piedmont serves as a beacon for innovation, education and training, community impact and visionary service. Ms. LaBar's regional expertise, business leadership and institutional knowledge will also be valuable assets as we continue to advance our multi-year strategic plan and enhance how we serve as a workforce development partner.

It is our desire that Ms. LaBar be appointed by the Mecklenburg Board of County Commission to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of Central Piedmont. Her clear commitment to the college and passion for our mission are central to why we believe she is well positioned for this role.

We hope you will agree and appoint her to the college in this most significant capacity as a member of the Board of Trustees. We know that her service in fulfilling the term vacated by Mr. Dunn will allow a seasoned professional who understands higher education, workforce development and shared governance will allow for a seamless transition and continuity of the Board's strategic work.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Caldwell Rose
Chair, Board of Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kandi W. Deitemeyer'.

Kandi W. Deitemeyer, Ed.D.
President

December 3, 2025

Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners
Government Center
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Charlotte, NC 28202

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Her return to the board would not only provide immediate institutional knowledge but also ensure valuable continuity in oversight, allowing the board to maintain momentum and focus without a learning curve.

I recommend Janet without reservation and encourage you to support her application. Her proven record of strategic leadership, combined with her current institutional knowledge of the college, makes her an outstanding candidate to serve once again on the Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Laura Yates Clark



December 8, 2025

Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners
Government Center
600 East 4th Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Dear Members of the Board of County Commissioners,

I'm writing to share my enthusiastic support for appointing Janet LaBar to the Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees.

As a prior Trustee serving the College from 2021-2024, appointed by former Governor Roy Cooper, Janet gained an exceptional understanding of Central Piedmont's mission and operations. She also contributed meaningfully through her service on the Student Success and Academic Programs Committee and the Nominating Committee. With that background, bringing Janet back to the Board would add valuable continuity and insight that would benefit both the Trustees and the wider College community.

In my role as Board Chair of Women's Impact Fund where Janet currently serves as Executive Director, I have the privilege of working with her directly. I've seen up close how naturally she blends charm, strategic thinking, and genuine warmth. She's welcoming and inspiring in the way she leads and engages with the community, and her approach is always thoughtful and thorough. Her ability to lead with both clarity and compassion reinforces my confidence in her ability to serve with distinction.

For more than two decades, Janet has led teams and organizations focused on building stronger, more resilient communities. She's consistently worked to expand opportunities for others, and her career has allowed her to connect with people who care about creating more equitable outcomes. In Charlotte and across the country, Janet is known as a trusted sounding board, critical thinker, and someone who shows up with purpose in nonprofit, business, government, education, entrepreneurial, and civic spaces.

I encourage you to support Janet's application. Her prior service, commitment to community, and strong institutional knowledge make her an exceptional candidate to return to the Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Katie Susong, Board Chair 2024-2026

FOUNDERS

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Claire Tate

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Janet LaBar

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Claire Tate

Statement to Applicants

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees: Submitted

Profile

Janet Kristine M Labar
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

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

Janet LaBar, Janet Magno

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Charlotte NC 28209
City State Postal Code

Mobile: (602) 319-0681
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.

6 years

My age range is (please select one): *

☒ 46 to 55

Ethnicity *

☒ Asian or Pacific islander

Gender *

☒ Female

Ethnicity *

☒ Asian or Pacific Islander

Gender *

☒ Female

Interests & Experiences**Education**

BA, Communication Arts/Advertising, University of West Florida MBA, Marketing, University of Phoenix

Women's Impact Fund

Employer

Executive Director

Occupation

Business and civic experience

For 20+ years, I've led organizations and teams in developing strategies to help people and communities thrive. As a first-generation Filipino American, I've connected my lived experience with professional drive to help bring opportunity to others. My path has afforded me the chance to lead and contribute to improving metro areas through responsible, equitable economic growth. I've made a career of taking care of communities and the people and businesses in them. This work has enabled me to engage with others who share a desire for greater outcomes in their community. I'm a trusted sounding board, critical thinker, and purposeful protagonist in and across corporate, government, education, entrepreneurial, and civic circles. New in my role as Executive Director of Women's Impact Fund, I'm elated to continue leveraging my skills and my passion to strengthen communities through philanthropy.

Area of expertise and interests/skills

Strong interpersonal skills, intellectual curiosity, and determination have been foundational to my success as an intentional leader. - Leadership - Effective Communication - Strategic Planning - Critical Thinking - Project Management - Relationship Building + Development - Storytelling - Talent Development

Additional Comments

I'm inspired by my family, teams who dare greatly, and people and communities who seek to be their best selves.

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?

From 2021-2024, I had the honor of serving as a Board Trustee at Central Piedmont Community College, appointed by then Governor Roy Cooper. Early in my career, I worked at the Maricopa Community Colleges (Tempe, AZ) in the District office of workforce development. It was there that I learned how critical job training skills were to individuals re-entering the workforce, those seeking a better career, and employers in need of skilled talent. My experience in community colleges led me to a 20-year career in economic development and a commitment to helping others through opportunity. As a Trustee for Central Piedmont, I was reconnected to the integral role that a community college plays in ensuring a thriving community. In this capacity, I learned more about governance and fiduciary responsibilities and became further grounded in student success. There were countless experiences hearing from students the value of their learning, from faculty their commitment to exposing students to real-time industry best practices, and from staff their desire to support students beyond the curriculum. My interest in returning to serve is rooted in my passion for building community and championing pathways for those seeking better opportunity for themselves and their families.

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Hours Per Month Available for Position

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How did you learn of the vacancy? *

☒ Word of Mouth

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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

Board Specific Questions

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):

Janet Kristine Magno LaBar

JANET LABAR

PURPOSEFUL, PERFORMANCE-DRIVEN LEADER

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PROFILE

Executive with two decades-plus of experience creating and leading strategies to help communities and organizations thrive. Strong interpersonal skills, intellectual curiosity, and determination have been foundational to my success as an intentional leader. I'm inspired by my family, teams who dare greatly, and people and communities who seek to be their best selves.

SKILLS

- Leadership
- Effective Communication
- Strategic Planning
- Critical Thinking
- Project Management
- Relationship Building + Development
- Storytelling
- Talent Development

WORK EXPERIENCE

WOMEN'S IMPACT FUND

Executive Director | June 2025 - Present

Influential collective giving circle and leader in trust-based philanthropy with more than 500 members. WIF has proudly invested more than \$8.5 million in grants and awards to nonprofits serving Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

- Guiding one of the nation's most respected, women-led philanthropic organizations into its next phase of growth and impact by collaborating with the Board, Advisors, members, and community partners.

CHARLOTTE REGIONAL BUSINESS ALLIANCE

President and CEO | April 2019 - May 2024

Voice of business and regional economic development organization serving Charlotte and 14 counties across North and South Carolina. I was the first woman and first woman of color to lead CLT Alliance—successor to the merger of the Charlotte Regional Partnership and Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, a charter member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

- Led through transformation—developed and executed community-specific strategies among macro and micro shocks and organized multiple stakeholder interests to best position the organization in effectively serving the region.
- Promoted strong economic growth—amplified nearly 400 announcements, 37,000+ jobs and \$15 billion in capital investment from companies expanding and relocating.
- Increased regional competitiveness—advocated for and supported legislation and policies promoting equitable economic growth including Medicaid expansion, pre-trial integrity act, broadband funding, job training, transportation, and childcare.
- Delivered returns to the community—on average, for every \$1 invested in the CLT Alliance, at least \$37 of income was generated in the Charlotte Region (2019-2023).
- Built a winning reputation—received two-time recognition as country's No. 3 best-in-class regional economic development organization.
- Developed a more sustainable revenue model, shifting from membership to mission—achieved two consecutive years of record new revenue totaling \$2.2 million, an 80% investor retention rate, and five consecutive years of clean audits. Oversaw \$10 million budget.

GREATER PORTLAND INC

President and CEO | June 2014 - April 2019

Regional economic development organization serving the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan. A true public-private partnership, GPI works to advance economic growth and prosperity for all through the recruitment of new investment and jobs. I joined GPI as its second CEO in three years and brought stability and credibility by establishing the organization as a go-to resource for the region.

- Led team in assisting companies expand and relocate to the region, resulting in 2,800+ jobs and nearly \$153 million in capital investment. On average, every dollar of GPI's operating budget yielded \$24 of income in the region (2015-2018).
- Optimized \$1.5 million budget to augment GPI's capabilities (site location, market connectivity, competitive benchmarking), providing clients and communities with a turnkey, highly sophisticated and professional experience.
- Directed planning process for five-year comprehensive economic development strategy rooted in equity, and secured \$225,000 in multi-year funding from U.S. Economic Development Administration.

GREATER PHOENIX ECONOMIC COUNCIL

Chief Performance Officer | September 2004 - June 2014

Globally recognized as a top economic development organization, working to attract and grow quality businesses and advocate for the competitiveness of Greater Phoenix. In my tenure at one of the nation's longest-standing regional economic development partnerships, I excelled in several key positions leading to my ascent as second in command.

- Supervised \$5 million budget and annual planning process, and evaluated program effectiveness, outcomes, and resource allocation.
- Co-created strategic engagement program for investors, bolstering investor retention and resource development efforts.
- Ensured accountability and governance by upholding organization's bylaws.
- Provided direct, multi-faceted support to Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Led three successful bond campaigns resulting in more than \$2.9 billion for schools, housing, neighborhoods, streets, and transportation in Charlotte.
- Played key leadership role in retention of the ACC in North Carolina and attraction of its headquarters to Charlotte.
- Partnered with Carolina Panthers and Charlotte Hornets to showcase business and foreign direct investment opportunities during international games in London and Paris.
- Directed Greater Portland's regional submission for Amazon HQ2, which included sites from four jurisdictions and a multi-site distributed campus model, presented by GPI and AECOM.
- Co-authored business plan for Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center, helping to secure \$7.5 million in state funding to establish a transformative R&D and workforce development center addressing manufacturing challenges through applied research and advanced technical training.
- Jointly developed GPEC's *Convening the Community* series, elevating awareness of Arizona's economic competitiveness to drive job creation and revenue-generation for the state. Recognized as a best practice by International Economic Development Council, the series catalyzed successful passage of Senate Bill 1403, the Arizona Renewable Energy Tax Incentive Program (see p.23 of Transforming Economic Development, MIT, August 2013).

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- Honored by Charlotte Hornets as Social Justice Power Forward, January 2024.
- Delivered commencement keynote to Wingate University graduate students, May 2023.
- Named to Charlotte Business Journal's inaugural Power 100 (2022).
- Recognized four consecutive years on Business North Carolina's Power List (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024).
- Featured on the cover and alongside five other moms in "Juggling Act", SouthPark Magazine, May 2021.

EDUCATION

MBA, Marketing
University of Phoenix | 2005

BA, Communication Arts / Advertising
University of West Florida | 1999

Certificate, Managing happiness
HarvardX Online | 2005

AFFILIATIONS + VOLUNTEERING

Central Piedmont Community College
Board Trustee, 2021-24

Centralina
Member, Advancing the Plan Committee, 2022-24

Charlotte Center City Partners
Board Member, 2019-24

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
Registered Volunteer

Charlotte Soccer Academy
Team Manager,
Charlotte SA Blue ECNL RL G10

Charlotte Sports Foundation
Board Member, 2019-24

Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
Member, Industry Roundtable, 2021-24

International Women's Forum Carolinas
Member, 2020-23

South Carolina Metro Chamber Coalition
Market Lead, 2020-24

Southern Communities Initiative
Former Market Lead

U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Committee of 100, 2021-24

Statement to Applicants

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Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees: Submitted

Profile

Corinne J Perera
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

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City State Postal Code

Mobile: (734) 881-8424
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? Please include months, or years.

3 years 4 months

My age range is (please select one): *

☒ Over 55

Ethnicity *

☒ Prefer not to Answer

Gender *

☒ Female

Interests & Experiences

Education

PhD in Educational Leadership MBA in IT Management BA (Hons) Music

Clover School District

Employer

Part time Substitute
Teacher

Occupation

Business and civic experience

I bring a strong record of leadership in both business and civic settings, combining strategic management expertise with a commitment to community impact. My background includes senior academic and administrative roles where I oversaw program development, corporate training initiatives, and cross-sector collaborations. In the civic arena, I have contributed to community education, workforce development, and inclusive learning programs that strengthen local engagement. With a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and an MBA in IT Management, I bridge corporate strategy with civic responsibility, driving initiatives that foster innovation, economic growth, and sustainable community partnerships.

Area of expertise and interests/skills

I bring multidisciplinary expertise in educational leadership, business management, and community engagement, supported by a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and an MBA in IT Management. My skills span curriculum development, corporate training, research, program management, and digital transformation. I am deeply interested in advancing lifelong learning, workforce development, and innovative, inclusive solutions that bridge academia, business, and civic needs.

Additional Comments

I am eager to contribute my multidisciplinary background in leadership, education, and business to an organization that values innovation, collaboration, and community impact. My diverse experience—spanning academic administration, corporate training, program development, and civic engagement—equips me with a unique ability to bridge organizational goals with workforce and community needs. I thrive in roles that require strategic vision, strong communication, and relationship-building skills, and I am committed to delivering results that create lasting value for both the organization and the community it serves.

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?

I am interested in serving on these Boards because they align closely with both my professional expertise and my commitment to community service. With a background in educational leadership, business management, and community engagement, I understand the importance of advocating for quality care, accessible education, and policies that improve the lives of diverse populations. Serving on the Adult Care Home and Nursing Home Community Advisory Committees would allow me to support vulnerable residents and ensure their voices are heard, while contributing to the Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees offers an opportunity to strengthen workforce development and lifelong learning pathways. I am dedicated to advancing initiatives that promote dignity, equity, and sustainable growth within our community.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Hours Per Month Available for Position

The following are the number of hours per month that I can commit to, depending on each specific Board: 1. Adult Care Home & Nursing Home Community Advisory Committees: 8–12 hours per month. 2. Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees: 10–15 hours per month. 3. Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee about 8–12 hours per month.

How did you learn of the vacancy? *

☒ Mecklenburg County Website

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Board Specific Questions

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☒ I Agree

Signature of Applicant (Sign Your Legal Name):

Corinne Jacqueline Perera

Corinne Jacqueline Perera, Ph.D.,

MBA, BA (Hons)

Charlotte, NC 28278 | (734) 881-8424 | corinnejacquelineperera@gmail.com

Summary

Multidisciplinary leader with expertise in educational leadership, business management, and community engagement. Committed to advancing lifelong learning, workforce development, and quality care for elderly and vulnerable populations. Skilled in strategic planning, program development, and building partnerships that connect organizational goals with community needs.

Key Skills

Educational & Organizational Leadership | Community Advocacy & Civic Engagement | Workforce Development & Corporate Training | Program & Curriculum Development | Cross-Sector Collaboration | Elderly Care & Resident Advocacy

Relevant Experience

Content Editor & Proofreader (Freelance/Remote) | 2018 - Present

- Edit and proofread academic manuscripts and books.
- Support researchers and educators in publishing impactful work internationally.

Distinguished Professor, Shangrao Normal University (Remote) | 2020 - 2025

- Provide research leadership, mentoring, and advocacy for inclusive and community-based learning.
- Contribute to global scholarship with focus on lifelong learning and workforce readiness.

Program Facilitator, UNHCR & HELP University | 2006 - 2008

- Coordinated community education programs for displaced populations.
- Advocated for vulnerable learners and strengthened educational outreach.

Education

Ph.D. in Educational Leadership – University of Malaya, Malaysia

MBA in IT Management – Multimedia University, Malaysia

BA (Hons) in Music – United Kingdom

Civic Engagement

Active advocate for quality care in adult/nursing home settings and champion for lifelong learning through higher education governance.

Statement to Applicants

Profile

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees: Submitted

Samuel R Spencer Iv
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

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

Sam

spencer@choosesam.com
Email Address

1917 Grier Ave
Home Address

Charlotte NC 28216
City State Postal Code

Mobile: (704) 902-5984
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

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

☒ 2

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

30 years

My age range is (please select one): *

☒ 30 to 45

Ethnicity *

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender *

☒ Male

Interests & Experiences

Education

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Davidson College HS, AP, IB Diplomas, North Mecklenburg High School

Sandy Hook Promise

Employer

Director, Communications

Occupation

Business and civic experience

Career: Communications Director, Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D., 2020- Senior Advisor/Campaign Manager, Alma Adams for Congress, 2016-2020 Marketing, Sales, and Communications Lead, Cloverhound, 2018-2020 Political Consultant, Self-Employed, 2008-2020 Tutor and Classroom Lead, Davidson Center for Learning, 2010-2014 Promotions Manager, Movies at Birkdale, 2009-2011 Assistant Database Manager, Biden for President, 2007-2008 Civic Roles: Chair, Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission, 2019-2021 (Member 2016-2022) Member, Bechtler Museum of Modern Art Board of Trustees, 2021-President, Young Democrats of North Carolina, 2011-2014 SES Instructor, MLK Middle, 2010-2011 Member, Citizens Transit Advisory Group, 2009-2011 Tutor and Classroom Lead, Ada Jenkins Center, 2003-2005

Area of expertise and interests/skills

Planning, Design, and Development; Affordable Housing; Government Relations; Information Technology; Energy and Environment; International Relations; German Language; Web Design & Programming; Email Marketing; Graphic Design; Social Media; K-12 and Higher Education

Additional Comments

I live in County Commission District 2 - the most powerful district - and there are often no District 2 representatives on these boards.

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.

Chair, Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission, 2019-2021 (Member 2016-2022)
Member, Citizens Transit Advisory Group, 2009-2011 Member, Bechtler Museum of Modern Art Board, 2021-Present

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

I am a longtime public servant who brings a broad range of policy and political expertise. I am deeply invested in our community, and have served as president or chair of local and statewide organizations. My greatest asset is my ability to listen to anyone, treat them with dignity, and bring numerous diverse viewpoints and lived experiences together to forge consensus. I am known on local boards and commissions for coming fully prepared, for reading all of our briefing materials, and conducting meetings quickly and efficiently. Most importantly, I've made a difference. During my time on Planning Commission, I pushed developers to warm up to building more affordable housing. Now, it's a staple of new developments in Charlotte. I was also heavily involved with the creation, writing, editing, and eventual passage of the Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan, the most progressive policy document in Charlotte history. I have a special interest in education and learning, and I bring years of federal policy experience to the issue. You can read my most recent piece on education issues in the Boston Globe here:
<https://www.bostonglobe.com/2021/09/30/opinion/inequities-hbcu-funding/>

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Hours Per Month Available for Position

As many as required; I typically spent 20-40 hours a month on Planning Commission work.

How did you learn of the vacancy? *

☒ Mecklenburg County Website

[Sam Spencer Resume 2022.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

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Samuel Reid Spencer IV

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Communications and policy expert with coast-to-coast experience at the local, state, and federal level. Political fundraiser with expertise in social media and email marketing. Community leader with experience in urban planning, zoning, social mobility, public education, and affordable housing.

EXPERIENCE

JANUARY 2020 – PRESENT

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF REP. ALMA S. ADAMS, PH.D.

Led soup to nuts press operation including press and media relations, A/V, social media, speechwriting, and email. Supervised fellows and interns. Managed Zoom and Cisco platforms for the office and led all virtual events. Served concurrently as Deputy Chief of Staff.

NOVEMBER 2018 – JANUARY 2020

MARKETING, COMMS., & HUMAN RELATIONS LEAD, CLOVERHOUND

Wrote the first hiring manual for the company and doubled its staff. Won its first Charlotte Business Journal "Best Places to Work" award, and first industry awards for individual employees. Generated unprecedented coverage of the company's successes in print, digital, and broadcast media. Led a SaaS sales team that increased recurring revenue by 400%.

JANUARY 2016 – 2020

CAMPAIGN MANAGER & SENIOR ADVISOR, ALMA ADAMS FOR CONGRESS

Supervised staff, volunteers, and consultant team on a million-dollar primary campaign. Won a competitive primary after redistricting removed the Congresswoman's strongest areas of support. Continued as part-time manager for subsequent general election and primary campaigns after 2016. Grew the annual "Mad Hatter" event to over 500 people and a six-figure gross pre-pandemic.

JANUARY 2008 – JANUARY 2020

POLITICAL CONSULTANT, SELF-EMPLOYED

Part of teams that raised a combined \$8 million for candidates; personally raised over \$1.5 million via email marketing and events. Responsibilities varied from client to client but generally included fundraising, strategy, digital marketing, direct mail, communications, and media relations. Clients included successful campaigns for US Congress, Florida Senate, North Carolina House, Charlotte-Mecklenburg District Attorney, Mayor of Charlotte, Charlotte City Council.

FEBRUARY 2015 – DECEMBER 2015

NATL. DIGITAL PROGRAM MANAGER, LEADERSHIP FOR EDUCATIONAL EQUITY

Digital consultant on 40+ campaigns across the United States. Responsible for social media, email marketing and fundraising, website development, and paid engagement for member campaigns. Created digital training deck for staff and members.

AUGUST 2014 – DECEMBER 2014

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, MOWRER FOR IOWA

Developed a 39-county communications, press, and event strategy for a Red to Blue congressional race.

JANUARY 2014 – AUGUST 2014

DIGITAL DIRECTOR, HANABUSA FOR HAWAII

Replaced an entire digital consultant team. Built an e-mail program for the campaign that raised \$103,000 in five months. Managed social media platforms, including ad buys. Designed postcards and managed our postcard program. Maintained NGP database of over 100,000 donors and oversaw correspondence with donors and supporters.

2010 – 2014

TUTOR & CLASSROOM LEAD, DAVIDSON CENTER FOR LEARNING

2011, 2012-2013

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MECKLENBURG COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

2008

CAMPAIGN MANAGER, DAVY LOWMAN FOR NC HOUSE

2008

POLITICAL DIRECTOR/SCHEDULER, JIM NEAL FOR U.S. SENATE

2007 – 2008

ASST. DATABASE DIRECTOR, BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT, INC.

EDUCATION

MAY 2010

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, DAVIDSON COLLEGE

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- Board of Trustees, Bechtler Museum of Modern Art, **2021-**
- Chair, Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission, **2019-2021** (Member, **2015-2022**)
- President, Young Democrats of North Carolina, **2011-2014**
- Founding Member, YWCA Central Carolinas 1902 Society, **2011-**
- Member, Citizens Transit Advisory Group (Charlotte Area Transit System – CATS), **2009-2011**

Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees

Board Details

Established by State Statute, the Board of Trustees is a corporate body with powers to acquire, hold, and transfer real and personal property, to enter into contracts, to institute and defend legal actions and suits, and to exercise such other rights and privileges as may be necessary for the management and administration of the institution in accordance with the provisions and purposes as stated in the General Statutes. Trustees are responsible for keeping elected officials informed of the implications of legislative actions that may have a bearing on the college.

Appointments are made for four-year terms. Members are appointed by the County Commission, Board of Education and the Governor.

Overview

- **Size** 12 Seats
- **Term Length** 4 Years
- **Term Limit** 2 Terms

Contact

- **Name** Genie Weekley
- **Phone** (704) 330-6096

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

Appointments are made for four-year terms. Members are appointed by the County Commission, Board of Education, and the Governor.

Meeting Dates/Times

Twice Every Other Month - Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting Location

Disher Building - Dowd Ballroom - 3rd Floor 1300 E 4th Street Charlotte, NC 28202

Time Commitment

12 hours annually

Stipend

No

Special Notes**Job Description**

Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees

Board Roster

Alison M Summerville

Partial Term Jul 06, 2023 - Jun 30, 2026

Email alison.summerville@ally.com

Home Phone Mobile: (704) 293-7689

Alternate Phone Business: (704) 444-4831

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2627 Sherwood Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28207

Appointing Authority BOCC

Category BOCC

Gabriel J Esparza

1st Term Oct 19, 2021 - Jun 30, 2027

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Alternate Phone Home: (347) 749-3069

Address

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Charlotte, NC 28209

Appointing Authority BOCC

Category BOCC

Khalif Rhodes

2nd Term Jul 01, 2021 - Jun 30, 2029

Email khalif.rhodes@rhodesfirm.com

Home Phone Home: (704) 891-2494

Alternate Phone Home: (678) 823-1228

Address

6031 Graburns Ford Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28269

Appointing Authority BOCC

Category BOCC

Chris Paterson

1st Term N/A - N/A

Home Phone :

No Recruitment

Appointing Authority GOV

Category GOV

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Bradford Muller

1st Term N/A - N/A

Home Phone :

No Recruitment

Appointing Authority GOV

Category GOV

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Bert Scott

1st Term N/A - N/A

Home Phone :

No Recruitment

Appointing Authority GOV

Category GOV

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Arrington Mixon

1st Term N/A - N/A

Home Phone :

No Recruitment

Appointing Authority NC HOUSE

Category NC HOUSE

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Weston Address

1st Term N/A - N/A

Home Phone :

No Recruitment

Appointing Authority BOE

Category BOE

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Patricia Rodgers

1st Term N/A - N/A

Home Phone :

No Recruitment

Appointing Authority GOV

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Caldwell R Rose

1st Term N/A - N/A

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Lucia Z Griffith

1st Term N/A - N/A

Home Phone :

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Vacancy

Appointing Authority BOCC

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