

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

Vote on nominees listed below, nominated at the July 10, 2018 meeting.

Two (2) appointments to fill unexpired terms expiring April 30, 2021

One (1) appointment to fill unexpired term expiring November 30, 2019

Nominees	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
Takiyah Amin District 1				
Chantia Carter District 3				
Maura Chavez District 2				
Lilli Gerardi District 5				
Rahdreia Hannibal Hawkins District 2				
Tracey Litaker District 2				
Lindsay Martell District 1				
Shannon Myers District 1				
Stacey Sandeford-Lyons District 5				
Suzanne Elsberry Schweikert District 6				

Current District Representation: District 1 (3) - District 2 (4) – District 3 (0) – District 4 (1) – District 5 (2) – District 6 (2)

Current Racial demographics: White (6) – Black (6)

Applicants Racial demographics: White (3) – Black (7) – Latino (1)

**Note: Kristen Moyer was nominated but asked that her name be removed from consideration.
Chataqua Ellison was nominated but currently serves on the Nursing Home Advisory Committee and therefore not eligible for consideration.**

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

Nominees



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Women's Advisory Board
- **Name:** Takiyah Amin
- **Home address:** 4922 Kotlik Drive
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28269
- **Home Phone:** 704-548-9251
- **Work Phone:** 704-894-2453
- **Email:** takiyahamin@gmail.com
- **Occupation:** Assistant Professor
- **Place of employment:** Davidson College
- **Race:** Black
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 38
- **Hours per month available for position:** 5-10
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** N/A
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** Ph.D – Temple University, 2011
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Website
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** Active member, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, QCMC
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Public Speaking, Peer Education, Program Development and Assessment
- **Am I a current vendor with Mecklenburg County?** No
- **County Commission District:** 1
- **I, hereby, authorize Mecklenburg County to verify all information included in this application. I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. 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:** Takiyah Nur Amin
- **Date:** 9/15/2017



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Women's Advisory Board
- **Name:** Chantia Carter
- **Home address:** 4025 Wilgrove Way Drive
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28262
- **Home Phone:** 704-281-6046
- **Work Phone:** 980-277-2079
- **Email:** tiawill96@gmail.com
- **Occupation:** Therapist (Mental Health)
- **Place of employment:** Art of Peace Wellness, PLLC
- **Race:** Black
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 43
- **Hours per month available for position:** 2
- **County advisory board currently serving on:**
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** Graduate School, MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other -- WEBSEARCH
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** I am a mental health therapist who presented to a group of young women last year at the Women's Equality Day program Aug 26th at UNCC. I am interested in serving on the board if they had need for me.
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** I have knowledge of mental health services and clinical skill. I could help with the planning of events that would speak to the needs of various populations in our county.
- **Am I a current vendor with Mecklenburg County?** No
- **County Commission District:** 3
- **I, hereby, authorize Mecklenburg County to verify all information included in this application. I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. 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:** Chantia Carter
- **Date:** 5/11/2018



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
- **Name:** Maura Chavez
- **Home address:** 520 Wilbrow Circle
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28217
- **Home Phone:** 704-618-0672
- **Work Phone:** 704-336-4988
- **Email:** maura.chavez@charlottenc.gov
- **Occupation:** Community Coordinator
- **Place of employment:** Community Relations
- **Race:** Latina
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 45
- **Hours per month available for position:** 10 to 15
- **County advisory board currently serving on:**
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** College Graduate
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other -- Friend
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** Prior to working with the City, I worked over 17 years at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse in the Trial Court Administrator's office. My last position was within the TCA office was as a Community Outreach and ADA Coordinator. My positions have always allowed me to be active within the community.
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** I have a passion for teaching community members how to navigate the government system. I am bilingual and consider myself a Charlottean since I have lived here in Charlotte since the early 1980s.
- **Am I a current vendor with Mecklenburg County?** No
- **County Commission District:** 2
- **I, hereby, authorize Mecklenburg County to verify all information included in this application. I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. 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:** Maura Elguera Chavez
- **Date:** 6/26/2018



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Women's Advisory Board
- **Name:** Lilli Gerardi
- **Home address:** 2521 Merrywood Road
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28210
- **Home Phone:** 704-654-6611
- **Work Phone:**
- **E-Mail:** lillirun@hotmail.com
- **Occupation:** recently retired
- **Place of employment:** N/A
- **Race:** White
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 62
- **Hours per month available for position:** 5-10
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** None
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** BS
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** Worked in mortgage industry for over 30 years, limited civic experience
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Interested in women's issues, affordable housing, literacy, greenways
- **County Commission District:** 5
- **Signature of applicant:** Lillian Gerardi
- **Date:** 7/12/2017



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Women's Advisory Board
- **Name:** Rahdreia Hannibal Hawkins
- **Home address:** 14002 Millers Creek Lane
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28278
- **Home Phone:** 919-988-0810
- **Work Phone:** 919-988-0810
- **Email:** renaehawk@icloud.com
- **Occupation:** Client Services/Vet Assistant
- **Place of employment:** Carolinas Animal Hospital and Dental Clinic
- **Race:** Black
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 36
- **Hours per month available for position:** 20
- **County advisory board currently serving on:**
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** BA Degree - Mass Communication
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other – Website
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** I have experience in Advertising/Marketing for high end real estate development and travel and tourism
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Marketing, Fitness and nutrition
- **Am I a current vendor with Mecklenburg County?** No
- **County Commission District:** 2
- **I, hereby, authorize Mecklenburg County to verify all information included in this application. I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. 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:** Rahdreia Hannibal Hawkins
- **Date:** 05/17/2018

Johnson, Sharekia L

From: Rahdreia-Renae Hannibal <renaehawk@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 3:01 PM
To: ella.sarborough@mecklenburgcountync.gov; Leake, Vilma; Puckett, Jim; patt.cotham@mecklenburgcountync.gov; Fuller, Trevor M.; Clarke, Dumont; Ridenhour, Matthew R.; George Dunlap (ATT); James, Bill; Paige, Janice; Safir, Peter
Cc: Johnson, Sharekia L
Subject: [External]Women's Advisory Board Nomination Support

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Good Afternoon, Ms. Scarborough, Ms. Leake, Ms. Paige, Mr. Puckett, Mr. Cotham, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Ridenhour, Mr. Dunlap, Mr. James, Mr. Safir:

I hope that you are doing well today, the purpose of my email is to ask for your support in selecting me as one of the newest board members for the Women's Advisory Board. First, let me thank each of you for the nomination it is a such an honor to hear! I would like to ask for your support on August 8th when you make the selection for the following reasons. One, I was a teen mother who overcame obstacles with guidance, I graduated high school, graduated college and went into a successful career in Advertising and Marketing. I had the support system of a program called Teens and Tots, Once I graduated college I knew I had to give back to help other young women like myself succeed and that is where I started giving back to community and became of the mentors at the Teens and Tot program. I've always had a passion to encourage women that they can make it and soar high. I also lost my son at the age of 6 by act of violence by his own father, I faced another obstacle where my strength was tested yet I was able to encourage other women who have lost their children to death that they can stand up and keep going. Once I relocated to Charlotte, NC I started volunteering at Levine's Children's hospital and I've been an active group fitness instructor for the past 6 years where I promote health and wellness for women. Secondly, you should select me because my professional and educational background can bring value to the board I have worked in Advertising and Marketing for 7 years where my primary focus was budgeting advertising/media dollars for Travel/Tourism and real estate accounts. I have experience with event planning within the community, internet and social media marketing and my current profession is in the real estate industry for a HOA Management firm. I hold a Bachelors Degree in Mass Communication, Certification License in Property Management; currently studying for my Real Estate License and learning my second language, Spanish.

In closing, I would like to ask and thank you in advance for your support in selecting me as I know I will be a valuable member on the Women's Advisory board not just based on my professional and educational experience but my willingness and compassion to service the community by empowering women. I am looking forward to meeting you all on August 8th.

Kind Regards,

Rahdreia Renae Hawkins
Ph: 919-988-0810
Email: Renaehawk@icloud.com



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Women's Advisory Board
- **Name:** Tracey Litaker
- **Home address:** 13215 Steelecroft Pkwy. Unit 202
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28278
- **Home Phone:** 980-224-7451
- **Work Phone:** 980-224-7451
- **Email:** tlitaker@outlook.com
- **Occupation:** Home School Teacher Seasonal Employee
- **Place of employment:** Integra Staffing LLC
- **Race:** Black
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 47
- **Hours per month available for position:** 16
- **County advisory board currently serving on:**
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** High School Some College Courses
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other -- Community Relations Website
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** None however I would like to gain Civic experience
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** I like helping others by organizing messy areas people have given up on because the work seems incrementable. I truly love exciting and surprising others with a fresh start. I currently Homeschool my 12-year-old son Duey. He is Autistic and I truly feel I have many ideas I would like to share as a mother and a woman.
- **Am I a current vendor with Mecklenburg County?** No
- **County Commission District:** 2
- **I, hereby, authorize Mecklenburg County to verify all information included in this application. I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. 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:** Tracey Litaker
- **Date:** 5/10/2018



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
- **Name:** Lindsay Martell
- **Home address:** 15624 Gathering Oaks Dr
- **City:** Huntersville
- **Zip code:** 28078
- **Home Phone:** 415-713-1516
- **Work Phone:** 415-713-1516
- **E-Mail:** ljmartell@yahoo.com
- **Occupation:** Self-Employed Writer
- **Place of employment:** Home Office
- **Race:** White
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 45
- **Hours per month available for position:** Varies
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** None
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** Bachelor's Degree in English
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Online
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** I have been self-employed since 2011, establishing a freelance business out of my home. I routinely participate in fundraising drives for such organizations as Operation Backpack and Dignity Matters.
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Writing, marketing, public speaking (I was a television reporter in Monterey, CA in the mid-2000's and I currently do voiceover work), and event planning. I am interested in all things related to equality, women's rights, the LGBTQ community, public education, the performing arts, and literacy.
- **County Commission District:** 1
- **I, hereby, authorize Mecklenburg County to verify all information included in this application. I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. 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:** Lindsay Martell
- **Date:** June 27, 2018



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Women's Advisory Board
- **Name:** Shannon Myers
- **Home address:** 20627 Willow Pond Road
- **City:** Cornelius
- **Zip code:** 28031
- **Home Phone:** 704-762-0184
- **Work Phone:** 704-316-2929
- **Email:** smyers2483@gmail.com
- **Occupation:** Clinic Administrator
- **Place of employment:** Novant Health
- **Race:** Black
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 34
- **Hours per month available for position:** 8
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** N/A
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** Master's Degree
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** other
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** I have experience in long term care, social services, and mental and behavioral health.
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** I am a license assisted living administrator in the state of Virginia. I was the Executive Director of an Assisted Living Community. I was the Director of Social Services for a skilled nursing facility.
- **Am I a current vendor with Mecklenburg County?** No
- **County Commission District:** 1
- **I, hereby, authorize Mecklenburg County to verify all information included in this application. I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. 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:** Shannon C Myers
- **Date:** 1/13/2018



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Women's Advisory Board
- **Name:** Stacey Sandeford-Lyons
- **Home address:** 3258 Margellina Drive
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28210
- **Home Phone:** 510-289-2236
- **Work Phone:** 704-378-1114
- **Email:** stacey.sandeford.lyons@gmail.com
- **Occupation:** Higher Education Academic Advising Administrator
- **Place of employment:** Johnson C. Smith University
- **Race:** Black
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 50
- **Hours per month available for position:** 5
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** North Carolina
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** BA--Psychology, MS--Developmental Education
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** I currently serve as president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Rho Psi Omega Chapter (RPO). Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is the first Greek lettered organization founded by college educated, African American women. Our purpose centers on addressing the needs of girls and women and on service to all. RPO is one of three graduate chapters in the Charlotte area. Our 249 members serve as leaders within many industries including business, law, health and education. From 2016-2017, I served as Vice-President and Program Committee Chairman for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Rho Psi Omega Chapter. This position afforded me the opportunity to execute the Sorority's current international service program, Launching New Dimensions of Service, addressing education; the family, including fiscal responsibility; health; environmental ownership; and global impact. One effort of note is the Queen City Entrepreneurs' Conference, last held on August 19, 2017. This effort contributed to the strengthening of our families, specifically, through financial responsibility. Conference attendees received practical advice and learned valuable strategies to support their entrepreneurial goals. I currently serve as a Board Member for Neema's Purse, a non-profit organization established primarily to educate young women and girls about feminine health, and to provide women and girls in need access to feminine and personal hygiene products. I had the honor of serving as a Board Member for the North Carolina

Chapter of UN Women, 2011-2013. Though the membership is concentrated in the Raleigh/Durham areas, I chaired the 2012 Walk to End Violence against Women at Freedom Park in Charlotte. I currently serve as leader over the Uplift Media and Communications Ministry, overseeing communications from the Uplift organization to its members and to the community, including print and electronic newsletters and announcements, telephone contacts, website and social media content, and online programming.

- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Expertise--Higher education administration and management, Skills--Public speaking, writing, research, teaching, problem solving, planning and organizing, team work, Interests--Needs of women, leadership development
- **Am I a current vendor with Mecklenburg County?** No
- **County Commission District:** 5
- **I, hereby, authorize Mecklenburg County to verify all information included in this application. I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. 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:** Stacey Sandeford-Lyons
- **Date:** 4/23/2018



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Women's Advisory Board
- **Name:** Suzanne Elsberry Schweikert
- **Home address:** 9908 Park Willow Drive
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28210
- **Home Phone:** 980-207-2245
- **Work Phone:**
- **Email:** Dessuz@bellsouth.net
- **Occupation:** Retired
- **Place of employment:** Retired
- **Race:** White
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 72
- **Hours per month available for position:** 15
- **County advisory board currently serving on:**
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** BA British Literature
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other -- Email DWMC
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** Sales, Marketing, Management, Administration, Event Mgmt., Non-Profits, political
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Public speaking, acting, writing, events management, Women's issues, voting rights, politics.
- **Am I a current vendor with Mecklenburg County?** No
- **County Commission District:** 6
- **I, hereby, authorize Mecklenburg County to verify all information included in this application. I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief. 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:** Suzanne Elsberry Schweikert
- **Date:** 4/16/2018

Mecklenburg County

Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions

Board Appointments Due

Renewals From 7/1/2018 To 7/31/2018

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

Number of BOCC Members: 15

Term Length in Years: 3

Purpose

The Women's Advisory Board is to identify periodically the Status of Women in Mecklenburg County; to work toward the betterment of the status of women in education, employment, family, community, health, law, finance, and social services; and to provide community leadership opportunities by initiating and promoting programs designed to serve the needs of women.

Qualifications

Must be a resident of Mecklenburg County

Special Notes

APPOINTMENTS NEEDED FOR:

Two (2) unexpired terms expiring April 30, 2021

One (1) unexpired term expiring November 30, 2019

There are 10 nominees for three slots.

Kimberly Caldwell resigned due to a conflict of interest.

Gail Johnson and Yesha Shukla resigned because of other obligations.

3 Appointment(s) For 3 Year Term:

Name	Qualifications	Appointed:	Expires	Eligibility
Caldwell, Kimberly		2/19/2015	04/30/2021	Resigned
Johnson, Gail		5/15/2018	04/30/2021	Resigned
Shukla, Yesha		12/19/2017	11/30/2019	Resigned

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD Applicants:

Name	BOCC Dist	Qualifications	Race/Sex
Amin, Takiyah	1		B / F
Buhlert, Kristin	2		W / F
Carter, Chantia	3		B / F
Chavez, Maura	2		L / F
Hawkins, Rahdreia Hannibal	2		B / F
Holmes, Yolonda	6		B / F
Litaker, Tracey	2		B / F
Martell, Lindsay	1		W / F

Mecklenburg County
Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions
Board Appointments Due

Renewals From 7/1/2018 To 7/31/2018

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD Applicants:

Name	BOCC Dist	Qualifications	Race/Sex
Moyer, Kristen	4		W / F
Myers, Shannon	1		B / F
Sandeford-Lyons, Stacey	5		B / F
Schweikert, Suzanne Elsberr	6		W / F

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD Members:

Name (* = Chairman)	BOCC Dist	Qualifications	Race/Sex	Appointed	Expires	Elig Code	Expired Position
Abt-Bumgarner, Samantha	5		W / F	3/21/2017	4/30/2021	EL	
Caldwell, Kimberly	3		B / F	2/19/2015	4/30/2021	RS	<==
Ferlauto, Michelle	1		W / F	3/7/2018	11/30/2018	EL	
Johnson, Gail	3		B / F	5/15/2018	4/30/2021	RS	<==
Jones, Lahari	5		B / F	8/2/2017	11/30/2019	EL	
Lefko, Melissa	6		W / F	12/19/2017	4/30/2021	EL	
Love, Arlean	6		B / F	6/20/2017	4/30/2021	EL	
Nelson, Kimberly	2		B / F	3/7/2018	11/30/2018	EL	
Ohr, Jodie	1		W / F	3/7/2018	4/30/2021	EL	
Pierce, Ruth	2		W / F	3/21/2017	6/30/2019	EL	
Reid, Ashley	2		B / F	3/7/2018	6/30/2019	EL	
Reid, Corelutta	1		B / F	3/7/2018	4/30/2019	EL	
Shukla, Yesha	1		AI / F	12/19/2017	11/30/2019	RS	<==
Thomas, Barbara	4		W / F	6/20/2017	11/30/2019	EL	
Williams, Zhiviaga	2		B / F	5/19/2015	4/30/2021	NE	