

Mecklenburg County

Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions

Board Appointments Due

Renewals From 6/1/2019 To 6/30/2019

SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP ADVISORY BOARD

Number of BOCC Members: 11

Term Length in Years: 3

Purpose

To provide recommendations and advice to the Board of County Commissioners regarding ways to streamline permitting processes for new and expanding businesses; to provide input to the Board of County Commissioners regarding proposed changes in building codes, policies, and taxes; to advise the Board of County Commissioners about specific challenges small businesses and entrepreneurs encounter in the county; and to inform the Board of County Commissioners about new developments in the local small business and entrepreneurial communities.

Qualifications

Applicants must be residents of Mecklenburg County. Preference is given to applicants who have recently, are in the process of, or are intimately familiar with the process of starting a new small business or entrepreneurial venture. One (1) member from the City of Charlotte's Business Advisory Committee.

Special Notes REAPPOINTMENTS NEEDED FOR:

Four (4) three-year terms expiring June 30, 2022

Nick Koutsoupas, Raj Parikh, Will Peters and Florence Wilkins are eligible for reappointment.

4 Appointment(s) For 3 Year Term:

Name	Qualifications	Appointed:	Expires	Eligibility
Koutsoupas, Nick	(BOCC)	3/21/2017	06/30/2019	Eligible for Reappointment
Parikh, Raj	(BOCC)	1/15/2019	06/30/2019	Unexpired Eligible for Reappointment
Peters, Will	(BOCC)	7/6/2016	06/30/2019	Eligible for Reappointment
Wilkins, Florence	(BOCC)	1/15/2019	06/30/2019	Unexpired Eligible for Reappointment

SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP ADVISORY BOARD Applicants:

Name	BOCC Dist	Qualifications	Race/Sex
Williams, Shalinda	6		B / F

SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP ADVISORY BOARD Members:

Name (* = Chairman)	BOCC Dist	Qualifications	Race/Sex	Appointed	Expires	Elig Code	Expired Position
Fields, Kenneth	1	(BOCC)	B / M	1/15/2019	6/30/2021	EL	
James, Brian	4	(BOCC)	W / M	1/15/2019	6/30/2021	EL	
King, Matthew	4	(BOCC)	W / M	1/15/2019	6/30/2021	EL	
Koutsoupas, Nick	5	(BOCC)	O / M	3/21/2017	6/30/2019	EL	<==
Manuel, Latecia	1	(BOCC)	B / F	1/15/2019	6/30/2021	EL	
Martin, Russell Alexander	1	(BOCC)	B / M	6/4/2019	6/30/2022	UEL	
Oliver, Sona	3	(BOCC)	BH / F	3/21/2017	6/30/2021	EL	
Parikh, Raj	4	(BOCC)	IN / M	1/15/2019	6/30/2019	UEL	<==

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Name (* = Chairman)	BOCC Dist	Qualifications	Race/Sex	Appointed	Expires	Elig Code	Expired Position
Peters, Will	3	(BOCC)	B / M	7/6/2016	6/30/2019	EL	<==
Wilkins, Florence	1	(BOCC)	B / F	1/15/2019	6/30/2019	UEL	<==

Small Business and Entrepreneurship Advisory Board

Applicant Demographics

**District 1 (0) – District 2 (0) – District 3 (0) – District 4 (0)
District 5 (0) – District 6 (1)**

Black (1) – White (0)

Female (1) – Male (0)

Current Membership Demographics

District 1 (4) – District 2 (0) – District 3 (2)

District 4 (3) – District 5 (1) – District 6 (0)

**Black (5) – White (2) – Black Hispanic (1) – Indian (1) –
Other (1)**

Female (3) – Male (7)

**Small Business and Entrepreneurship
Advisory Board**

**Eligible
for
Reappointment**



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Small Business and Entrepreneurship
- **Name:** Nick Koutsoupas
- **Home address:** 3755 Stokes Avenue
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28210
- **Home Phone:** 704-560-9164
- **Work Phone:** 704-560-9164
- **E-Mail:** nick@ambankcard.com
- **Occupation:** Serial Entrepreneur
- **Place of employment:** Self Employed
- **Race:** Other
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** 37
- **Hours per month available for position:** 20-40, depending on days and times
- **County advisory board currently serving on:**
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** MBA
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Online
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** Have not had time for civic participation but have started several businesses after leaving the banking industry in 2008 as Assistant VP-Licensed Financial Center Manager.
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Extensive education and experience in finance and business.
- **County Commission District:** 5
- **Signature of applicant:** Nick P Koutsoupas
- **Date:** 07/06/2016



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Small Business and Entrepreneurship
- **Name:** Raj Parikh
- **Home address:** 525 S. Church St. Apt. 3505
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28202
- **Home Phone:** N/A
- **Work Phone:** 404-561-3555
- **Email:** raj.h.parikh@gmail.com
- **Occupation:** Finance
- **Place of employment:** Pamlico Capital
- **Race:** Indian
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** 31
- **Hours per month available for position:** 2
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** None
- **Expiration date:** N/A
- **Education:** MBA
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other - Internet
- **If you selected Other, please explain:** Online
- **Business and civic experience:** Worked in finance for 5 years (investment banking, venture capital, and private equity). Started and sold a startup over 2.5 years in Atlanta. Worked with local government on initiatives to spur startup activity.
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Startups and Financing
- **Am I a current vendor with Mecklenburg County?** No
- **County Commission District:** 4
- **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:** Raj H. Parikh
- **Date:** 8/16/2018



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- **Name:** Will Peters
- **Home address:** 11823 Harris Ridge Drive
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28269
- **Home Phone:** 704-208-8304
- **Work Phone:** 704-208-8304
- **E-Mail:** will@northlakedigital.com
- **Occupation:** Digital Marketing Consultant
- **Place of employment:** NorthLake Digital, LLC
- **Race:** Black
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** 38
- **Hours per month available for position:** 10
- **County advisory board currently serving on:**
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** College Graduate
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Online
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** Former Chairman of Charlotte Mecklenburg Black Chamber of Commerce Former Chairman of Charlotte Jaycees
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Entrepreneur Business Planning Digital Marketing Sociology Computer Science Design & Copywriting Strategy
- **County Commission District:** 3
- **Signature of applicant:** Will Peters
- **Date:** 02/10/2016



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Small Business and Entrepreneurship
- **Name:** Florence Wilkins
- **Home address:** 8139 Rolling Meadows Lane
- **City:** Huntersville
- **Zip code:** 28078
- **Home Phone:** 704-773-3009
- **Work Phone:** 704-686-0418
- **Email:** florencewilkins30@gmail.com
- **Occupation:** Financial Management Analyst-Assistant Clerk of Court
- **Place of employment:** Mecklenburg County Clerk of Superior Court
- **Race:** Black
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 49
- **Hours per month available for position:** 20
- **County advisory board currently serving on:**
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** Bachelor's Degree-Accounting
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other-website
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** Serviced as a Vice President and Member of the Park and Recreation Commission
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Accounting, Management, Business and Human Resources
- **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:** Florence Wilkins
- **Date:** 2/19/2018

**Small Business and Entrepreneurship
Advisory Board**

Applicant



Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Small Business and Entrepreneurship
- **Name:** Shalinda Williams
- **Home address:** 4911 Shannamara Drive
- **City:** Matthews
- **Zip code:** 28104
- **Home Phone:** 910-257-6862
- **Work Phone:** 910-257-6862
- **Email:** swaka1014@yahoo.com
- **Occupation:** School Principal
- **Place of employment:** Charlotte Mecklenburg School
- **Race:** Black
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 51
- **Hours per month available for position:** 10
- **County advisory board currently serving on:**
- **Expiration date:**
- **Education:** Master of School Administration & Master of Human Resource Management
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Website
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity, Volunteer, My Sister's House, Member, NC Principal's Association, Member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Communication Skills, Public Relations, Fundraising, Administrative Tasks
- **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:** Shalinda Williams
- **Date:** 03/23/2019