

**Mecklenburg County**  
**Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions**  
**Board Appointments Due**

Renewals From 7/1/2019 To 7/31/2019

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Number of BOCC Members: 7**

**Term Length in Years: 3**

***Purpose***

The Planning Commission was established to make studies of resources, possibilities and needs of the City, particularly with respect to conditions which may be injurious to the public welfare and make plans for the development of Mecklenburg County, including the City of Charlotte but excluding all other incorporated towns in the County. To consider the desirability, from time to time, of the extension of the limits of Charlotte and when found desirable, to prepare and present to Council a program of extension with statement of the reasons for the same. Appointments are made for three-year terms with no one serving more than two consecutive full terms. The Board appointments will be the following: seven (7) by the BOCC, five (5) by the City Council and two (2) by the Mayor. The Board of Education has two (2) slots, one of the City and County designated slots, but with approval of the BOCC and City Council respectively.

***Qualifications***

Must be a resident of Mecklenburg County.

The Planning Commission is a jointly appointed Board, administered by the City of Charlotte. Persons appointed to the Planning Commission must comply with the City of Charlotte's attendance requirement. Members are required to attend 65 percent of all regular, special and assigned subcommittee meetings from the time their term begins until the end of the calendar yr. and each subsequent yr.; and persons cannot miss three consecutive regular meetings. Failure to meet either of these two requirements results in automatic removal from the board. Persons must attend 50% of each meeting in order to be counted present.

***Special Notes***

**NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENT NEEDED TO FILL:**

**One (1) unexpired term expiring June 30, 2021.**

**See Attached Letter of Recommendation for Andrew Blumenthal and Astrid Chirinos.**

**Highlighted applicants were nominated at the July 2 BOCC meeting. Additional nominations can be made.**

**Four (4) Board members are needed to serve on the Ad Hoc Interview Committee.**

**Note: This is one of several boards that require an interview process conducted by an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board, with the exception of persons being reappointed. This is a compensated advisory board.**

**1 Appointment(s) For 3 Year Term:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Qualifications</b>	<b>Appointed:</b>	<b>Expires</b>	<b>Eligibility</b>
Sellers, Rajahm	(BOCC)	6/5/2018	06/30/2021	Resigned

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## Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions

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#### PLANNING COMMISSION Applicants:

Name	BOCC Dist	Qualifications	Race/Sex
Blumenthal, Andrew	4	(BOCC)	W / M
Butts, Emmitt	3	(BOCC)	B / M
Chirinos, Astrid	4	(BOCC)	WL / F
James, Michael-Paul	2	(BOCC)	W / M
Luther, Bridgett	5	(BOCC)	W / F
Turnbull, Jeff	6	(BOCC)	W / M

#### PLANNING COMMISSION Members:

Name (* = Chairman)	BOCC Dist	Qualifications	Race/Sex	Appointed	Expires	Elig Code	Expired Position
Barbee, Erin	1	(CITY)	B / F	7/1/2019	6/30/2022	EL	
Fryday, John	4	(MAYOR)	W / M	8/12/2015	6/30/2021	NE	
Gussman, Phillip	4	(MAYOR)	W / M	8/14/2017	6/30/2020	EL	
Ham, John	1	(BOCC)	B / M	8/3/2016	6/30/2022	NE	
Kelly, Peter	5	(BOCC)	W / M	7/2/2019	6/30/2022	EL	
McClung, Bolyn	6	(BOE)(BOCC)	W / M	7/7/2015	6/30/2021	NE	
McMillan, Elizabeth	4	(CITY)	W / F	7/1/2016	6/30/2022	NE	
Nwasike, Victoria	6	(CITY)	B / F	7/1/2017	6/30/2020	EL	
Samuel, Keba	2	(BOCC)	B / F	8/2/2017	6/30/2020	EL	
Sellers, Rajahm	5	(BOCC)	BR / M	6/5/2018	6/30/2021	RS	<==
Spencer, Sam	4	(CITY)(BOE)	W / M	1/11/2016	6/30/2022	NE	
Watkins, A. Cozzie	4	(CITY)	B / F	7/1/2015	6/30/2021	NE	
Welton, Douglas	5	(BOCC)	B / M	10/2/2018	6/30/2021	UEL	
Wiggins, Nancy	5	(BOCC)	W / F	3/18/2014	6/30/2020	NE	

# ***Planning Commission***

## **Applicants Demographics**

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

**Black (1) – White (4) – White Latina (1)**

**Female (2) – Male (4)**

## **Current Membership Demographics**

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

**White (7) - Black (6)**

**Female (6) - Male (7)**

***Charlotte-Mecklenburg  
Planning Commission***

***LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION***

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CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

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**TO:** BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**FROM:** TAIWO JAIYEoba  
DIRECTOR OF CHARLOTTE PLANNING, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

**SUBJECT:** RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

**DATE:** JULY 24, 2019

**CC:** CANDICE RORIE  
PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF ADVISOR  
PLANNING, DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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We are aware the Board of County Commissioners is considering applicants for vacant positions on the Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission. With assistance from the staff advisor for our Board, we have reviewed the applications submitted and wish to make the following recommendations based on the individual's qualifications, background and indicated willingness to serve. Ultimately, we understand the Board of County Commissioners can appoint anyone they deem qualified to serve.

Additional applicant recommended:

Astrid Chirinos (District 4) – Recommended

Andrew Blumenthal (District 4) - Recommended

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Candice Rorie at 704.336.2672 or [clrorie@charlottenc.gov](mailto:clrorie@charlottenc.gov).

Thank you,



Taiwo Jaiyeoba  
Director of Charlotte Planning, Design and Development Department

***Planning Commission***

***Applicants***





## Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Planning Commission
- **Name:** Andrew Blumenthal
- **Home address:** 620 E. Tremont Ave.
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28203
- **Home Phone:** (704) 618-1802
- **Work Phone:** N/A
- **Email:** [ABlumenthal711@gmail.com](mailto:ABlumenthal711@gmail.com)
- **Occupation:** Commercial Real Estate Advisor
- **Place of employment:** Legacy Real Estate Advisors, LLC
- **Race:** White
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** 28
- **Hours per month available for position:** 25
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** None
- **Expiration date:** N/A
- **Education:** Master's Degree
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other
- **If you selected Other, please explain:** In person
- **Business and civic experience:**
  - Charlotte native raised by a family that places a priority on philanthropy
  - Received a Master's in Marine Affairs and Policy from the University of Miami with a focus on marine and coastal spatial planning
  - Worked in state and local politics in Charlotte, most recently as Finance Director for former Mayor Jennifer Roberts
  - Currently working as a commercial real estate broker and investment advisor
  - Currently serving on the board of the Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina, and actively involved with: The Pink House, Girls on the Run, the Blumenthal Performing Arts, Charlotte Ballet, and Sustain Charlotte.
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Commercial Real Estate, Land and Environmental Conservation, Spatial Planning, Marine Science and Aquaculture, Political Campaigning and Fundraising
- **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:** Andrew Blumenthal
- **Date:** 6/9/2019





## Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Planning Commission
- **Name:** Emmitt Butts
- **Home address:** 5028 Haybridge Rd
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28269
- **Home Phone:** 704-599-1971
- **Work Phone:** 704-599-1971
- **Email:** [Ebutts@Gardner-webb.edu](mailto:Ebutts@Gardner-webb.edu)
- **Occupation:** Teacher
- **Place of employment:** None
- **Race:** Black
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** 51
- **Hours per month available for position:** 15
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** None
- **Expiration date:** N/A
- **Education:** Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other
- **If you selected Other, please explain:** Webb
- **Business and civic experience:** Advisory Board member for Hope Charlotte  
State Advisory Board member for Middle school Forensics
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Data and trend analysis
- **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:** Emmitt Butts
- **Date:** 12/18/2018



## Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Planning Commission
- **Name:** Astrid Chirinos
- **Home address:** 6053 Wilora Lake Rd # 112
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28212
- **Home Phone:** 704 451-3978
- **Work Phone:** 704 716-6614
- **Email:** [astrid.chirinos@ymcacharlotte.org](mailto:astrid.chirinos@ymcacharlotte.org)
- **Occupation:** Executive Director
- **Place of employment:** SIMMONS YMCA
- **Race:** White (Latina)
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 58
- **Hours per month available for position:** 8
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** None
- **Expiration date:** N/A
- **Education:** Raleigh 2 Years St Mary's AA; NCSU BA
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other
- **If you selected Other, please explain:** Taiwo Jaiyeoba & Candice Rori
- **Business and civic experience:**

Public Relations and Marketing Exec till 1995

Financial Advisor Merrill Lynch till 2001

Business Owner, Diverso Global Strategies, Calor Energy,

Afina Global Solutions 2001- 2010

Latin American Chamber of Commerce, ED till 2014

Latin American Economic Development Corporation,

Development Exec. Till April 2018

SIMMONS YMCA Till present

Civic Engagement Include:

CMS Taskforce 2006

Charlotte Business Resources Committee 2012

Unified Development Ordinance Committee ( UDO) 2017

Census 2020 Complete Counts Committee 2019

Board Chair of Charlotte International Cabinet 2003

Board Chair Latin American Chamber 2004

Board Vice Chair Charlotte Works 2008

Served as Board member of the following organizations at different periods from 1995 to the present :

Charlotte Chamber of Commerce , Children Theater ( Imaginon) WFAE. 90.7, Centralina Economic Development Commission, NC Center For Public Policy, Levine Museum of the New South, Mecklenburg County Workforce Development Board ( Charlotte Works), McColl Center of Art and Innovation, Women's Intercultural Exchange Community Building Initiatives, Communities in Schools, Charlotte Housing Partnership, JCSU Trustee

- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:**

Economic Development

Community Development, Community Engagement and Wellness

Access, Inclusion and Equity building

Cross-Cultural Competency / Global Mindset

Sustainability

Senior Living

- **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:** Astrid Chirinos
- **Date:** 6/26/2019



## Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Planning Commission
- **Name:** Michael-Paul James
- **Home address:** 412 North Crigler St
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28216
- **Home Phone:** 704-965-0886
- **Work Phone:** 704-567-7789
- **Email:** jackelly3@hotmail.com
- **Occupation:** Manager
- **Place of employment:** Eye Dialogue
- **Race:** White
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** 41
- **Hours per month available for position:** 20 + hours
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** N/A
- **Expiration date:** N/A
- **Education:** Masters of Architecture, Masters of Urban Design, Masters of Real Estate.
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other
- **If you selected Other, please explain:** John Fryday
- **Business and civic experience:** Concerning my business experience, I founded Eye Dialogue, an entertainment technology company, in 2004. Over the years, I have served in nearly every compacity both to develop new roles and serve in roles during transition periods. While executing those roles, I actively promoted Eye Dialogue through writing and networking. More than 20 projects were featured in nationally distributed magazines. Eye Dialogue has also won 17 national, regional, and local awards.

Concerning my commitment to civic engagement, I have worked with the YMCA, the Children's Theatre of Charlotte, CMS, and several other non-profit organizations over the last 30 years. I have consistently volunteered my time aiding public missions concerning education, the environment, poverty, and community. I have also attended public meetings concerning urban issues with the planning commission and the planning department.

- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Concerning my expertise, I have three master's degrees in architecture, urban design, and real estate. My formal training will aid in the understanding of the built environment, the urban context, and the financing necessary to complete fiscally, socially, and environmentally sustainable development projects.



Concerning my interests, I am invested in the economic success of the city. I have lived in Hoskins Park (Thomasboro-Hoskins) since 2006. I am invested in the preservation and strengthening of community. I have traveled extensively and studied the urban context both nationally and abroad. I have observed and analyzed numerous solutions to urban issues. This study has expanded my understanding of both what is possible and what is reasonable..

- **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:** Michael-Paul James
- **Date:** 5/23/2019



## Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Planning Commission
- **Name:** Bridgett Luther
- **Home address:** 1427 Rutledge Avenue
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28211
- **Home Phone:** 415-385-3399
- **Work Phone:** 415-385-3399
- **Email:** [Bridgett.Luther@gmail.com](mailto:Bridgett.Luther@gmail.com)
- **Occupation:** Sustainability Consultant
- **Place of employment:** Luther Consulting
- **Race:** White
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** 64
- **Hours per month available for position:** 40
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** None
- **Expiration date:** N/A
- **Education:** College
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other
- **If you selected Other, please explain:** Website
- **Business and civic experience:**

While in Charlotte: Sunday school teacher, Brownie Scout leader, PTA President (Eastover Elementary School), Congressional Campaign co-chair, member Junior League, Charlotte Symphony Auxiliary, Mint Museum Auxiliary, Sustain Charlotte, Envision Charlotte, Sierra Club

2005-2010: member Governor Schwarzenegger administration as Director of Dept of Conservation, 2010-2015 started and ran an international product certification program. Returned to Charlotte 2017
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** As a founding staff member of the Trust for Public Land's North Carolina office became proficient in the areas of land use particularly when it came to water quality and served on the regional water quality task force. Helped raise public private money for the update of the Randolph Road ballfields and soccer fields. Upon moving to California serving in the Schwarzenegger administration, I spearheaded regional water quality task force, created the Emerald Cities program to align state mandates with local programs and funding, oversaw the statewide recycling program, California's Geological Survey staff and became knowledgeable about the state legislation process. Oversaw a \$20M upgrade of the IT system for recycling. Have been a longtime fan of Jane Jacobs.



Love Charlotte where I lived for over 25 years and ready to give back with renewed energy and devotion.

- **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:** Bridgett Luther (formerly Bridgett Thompson
- **Date:** 6/4/2019



## Mecklenburg County Advisory Board Application

- **Name of Advisory Board:** Planning Commission
- **Name:** Jeff Turnbull
- **Home address:** 5438 Meadow Haven Lane
- **City:** Charlotte
- **Zip code:** 28270
- **Home Phone:** 704-907-5218
- **Work Phone:** 704-907-5218
- **Email:** [Turnbull1031@aol.com](mailto:Turnbull1031@aol.com)
- **Occupation:** Real Estate Development, NC Attorney, NC RE Broker
- **Place of employment:** Kodiak Mini Storage II, LLC
- **Race:** White
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** 61
- **Hours per month available for position:** 30
- **County advisory board currently serving on:** Former Chair of Mecklenburg County Board of Equalization and Review
- **Expiration date:** N/A
- **Education:** BS/MBA/JD
- **How did you learn of this vacancy?** Other --
- **If you selected Other, please explain:**
- **Business and civic experience:** Developed self storage stores and other commercial ventures in the greater Charlotte region for the past 25 years.
- **Areas of expertise and interests/skills:** Business, law, finance.
- **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:** Jeffrey B. Turnbull
- **Date:** 12/18/18