AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION
3 year term

- Nine members
  - Three members appointed by Asheville City Council
  - Three members appointed by Buncombe County Board of Commissioners
  - Three members appointed by the six appointed members

African American Heritage Commission - (3 year term) - One vacancy

Marvin D. Chambers
Term to expire 07-01-21
Has served two terms

-**NOT** eligible for reappointment

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION (3 year term)

MEMBER FName	MEMBER LName	Email	TERM EXPIRES	APPOINTED	TERMS	RESIDENT	RACE	HOMEOWNER	SEX	AREA	OCCUPATION
CITY APPOINTMENTS											
DeWayne	Barton	bloveproductions@bellsouth.net	07-01-23	08-25-20 07-25-17	2	City	AA		M	West	Co Exec Dir - Green Opportunities
Marvin D.	Chambers	mthedean@aol.com	07-01-21	06-19-18	2	City	AA		M	Central	Semi-Retired
Beverly	Miller	emsbabe20204san@gmail.com	07-01-22	01-12-21	unexp	City	B	H	F	West	Operations Supervisor Retired
COUNTY APPOINTMENTS											
Catherine	Mitchell		11/1/21	11-20-18		County					
Aaron	Griffin		11-01-21	03-17-20		County					
Lynne Michelle	Smith		11-01-21	11-20-18		County					
COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS											
Georgia M.	Shannon	georgiamshannon@gmail.com	07-01-16		1	City	AA		F	West	

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Michael	Hayes	09-01-22	1	City	AA	M
Brandon	Oliver	09-01-22	1			

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

Name	Male	Female	Black	White	Other	North	East	South	West	Central	City	County	Owner/ Renter
Barton	X		X						X		X		
Chambers	X		X							X	X		
Miller		X	X						X				Y
C. Mitchell (County)		X	X					X				X	
Smith (County)		X	X									X	
Griffin (County)	X		X					X		X		X	R
Shannon(Commission)		X	X						X				
Hayes (Commission)	X		X								X		
Oliver (Commission)	X												

African American Heritage Commission - Resource List

APPLICANT FName	APPLICANT LName	Email Address	DATE SUBMITTED APPLICATION	RESIDENT	HOMEOWNER	RACE	SEX	AREA	OCCUPATION	INTEREST IN OTHER BOARDS
Dewayne	**McAfee**	dkm2510@aol.com	11-20-20 04-14-21	N/R **Candler**	Y Y	N/R B	N/R M	West West	Retired	N/R=no response
Stephen J.	**Blount**	blount.stephen@gmail.com	08-19-21	City	N	B	M	South	Impact Assistant Dogwood Health Trust	
Valeria	**Watson**	valrainybiz@charter.net	08-26-21	No **Leicester**	Y	B	F	West	N/R	N/R=no response
Ashley	**Wilberding**	birdwillow3@gmail.com	09-05-21	City	N	AA	F	West	START Coordinator RHA Behavior Health - NC START	

City of Asheville

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Application Form

Applicants are strongly urged to attend several meetings of a board prior to applying

Name of board or commission: African American Heritage Commission

Your name: Dewayne McAfee Home Phone #: 312-307-9705

Street address: 348 Dogwood Rd City: Candler Zip Code: 28715

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Retired

Your position: NA Office Phone #: _____

Resident of City Candler County Buncomb Race Black * Gender Identity: (non-trans) man

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner Age: 63

Residence location (check one): Central _____ North _____ South _____ East _____ West ✔

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: No. Potential conflicts of interest do not preclude appointments.

Please indicate the area(s) of expertise that you can bring to the above board(s), and then in detail list education, experience, reasons for your interest, and other factors that support your interest in serving **Applicants are encouraged to provide a cover letter and/or a brief resume. Please use additional sheets if necessary.**

Born a raised in Asheville. Worked 39 years in National Elevator Industry, retired 2015 in Chicago Ill. moved back home in 2017. worked in the elevator industry from Minnesota, California, Texas, Georgia, and Illinois. Elevator school instructor for 15 years teaching elevator principles function and operation Chicago. Disappointed in the African American experience as a young man in Asheville, I find the African American community still being left Behind from a social, economic, and empowerment standpoint. Looking for an opportunity to give back and make a difference Where Possible

Return to:

City Clerk's Office
PO Box 7148
Asheville, NC 28802-7148

Email: boards@ashevillenc.gov
Telephone: 259-5839
Fax #: 259-5499

Signature: Dewayne McAfee

Date: 4/14/21

E-Mail: dkm2510@aol.com

Fax #: _____

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Sarah Terwilliger, Deputy City Clerk
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E-Mail: sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov
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Signature: dewayne mcafee

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Name of board or commission: African American Heritage Commission

Your name: Stephen J. Blount Home Phone #: 828-774-3329

Street address: 26 Sky Exchange Dr., Apt. 206 City: Asheville Zip Code: 28803

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Dogwood Health Trust

Your position: Impact Assistant Office Phone #: 828-774-3329

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race Black * Gender Identity: (non-trans) man *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Renter Age: 26

Residence location (check one): Central _____ North _____ South ✔ East _____ West _____

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: _____. Potential conflicts of interest do not preclude appointments.

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As a native of Asheville, NC, I have seen a lot of things in the city change as it related to African Americans. African American history and the heritage is rich in this city. Much of it goes unnoticed and does not receive recognition outside of certain persons or groups, but it is not widespread. By becoming a part of this commission, it would allow me the opportunity to help promote many of the great accomplishments and contributions of African Americans in our city. I have been a part of the African American faith community that houses a lot of amazing history and contributions. Being a part of this commission would help to expand its reach and expose more of the city to the great works that have been long-overdue recognition. Being that it is 2021, there are more ways to promote African American History and this commission could be a big supporter of that.

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Email: boards@ashevillenc.gov
Telephone: 259-5839
Fax #: 259-5499

Signature: Stephen Blount

Date: 8/19/2021

E-Mail: blount.stephen@gmail.com

Fax #: _____

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Name of board or commission: African American Heritage Commission

Your name: Valeria Watson Home Phone #: 828-552-0740

Street address: 58 E. Wonder Rd City: Leicester Zip Code: 28748

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: _____

Your position: _____ Office Phone #: _____

Resident of City Leicester County Buncombe Race black * Gender Identity: (non-trans) woman *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner Age: 72

Residence location (check one): Central ____ North ____ South ____ East ____ West ✔

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: my non profit Zamani Refuge African Culture Center i am an inactive realtor. Potential conflicts of interest do not preclude appointments.

Please indicate the area(s) of expertise that you can bring to the above board(s), and then in detail list education, experience, reasons for your interest, and other factors that support your interest in serving **Applicants are encouraged to provide a cover letter and/or a brief resume. Please use additional sheets if necessary.**

I have served on two commissions for the city. Historic Resources Com and the Public Art n Culture Com. Previously i ushered the first African Sister City Osogbo, Nigeria in 2008. I have a deep love of the city and am deeply interested in the equitable representation of local African American community history. I resigned my previous commissions when i went into real estate. I am now on a hiatus from that and wish to be involved in the community again.

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Telephone: 259-5839
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Signature: Valeria Watson

Date: August 26, 2021

E-Mail: valrainybiz@charter.net

Fax #: _____

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Name of board or commission: African American Heritage Commission

Your name: Ashley Wilberding Home Phone #: 307-761-2362

Street address: 12 Melissa Court City: Asheville Zip Code: 28806

Mailing address (if different): same

Employer: RHA Behavior Health--NC START

Your position: START Coordinator Office Phone #: 828-539-1262

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race African * Gender Identity: (non-trans) woman *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Renter Age: 36

Residence location (check one): Central ____ North ____ South ____ East ____ West ✔

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: None known. Potential conflicts of interest do not preclude appointments.

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Being a black woman myself, I am deeply invested in seeing black businesses and change-makers elevated in our community. My family has been living in Asheville since early 2013. I have been a member of the parent-teacher organization at Francine Delaney New School for Children, where my three children attend school. I also participate in the school's Board of Directors meetings.

I hold a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Nebraska. The last 13 years of my professional career has been in the world of coordinating services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities. These roles have strengthened my interest in advocating for true equality when it comes to available services, accessibility and visibility for all. Raising children of color in today's climate makes service on a City board/commission all the more compelling to me. If lending my perspective and experiences to a governing body helps to shape my community, I would love the opportunity to take part.

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Signature: eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com Ashley Wilberding Key: df7972a1a9fe9bf432aa1f40df0fc5676

Date: 9/5/2021

E-Mail: birdwillow3@gmail.com

Fax #: ____

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Ashley N. Wilberding
12 Melissa Court Asheville, NC
307-761-2362 | birdwillow3@gmail.com

Education: University of Nebraska at Lincoln, 2006
B.A. in psychology, double minors in French and Fashion Design

Employment history:

Coordinator, NC START, West- RHA Behavior Health--| July 2021-present
Duties: Responsible for coordinating services for families supporting individuals with co-occurring developmental disabilities and mental health challenges. Responsible for building capacity and providing resources to families, continuing education and maintaining fidelity to the model established by The Center for START Services.

Program Specialist, RHA Health Services-Hendersonville Unit |August 2019-June 2021
Duties: Supervise and mentor three Qualified Professionals, the Unit's Behavior Analyst, Habilitation Specialist and Vocational Instructor. Responsible for the utilization review process and service authorization requests to maintain funding from local management entities(LME) and managed care organizations (MCO). Responsible for the screening and admissions process. Works with local agencies such as Social Security Administration, Department of Health and Human Services to apply for and maintain government benefits and services. Coordinates assessments and appointments for people supported with occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech language pathology and dietician services. As the Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional for an Innovations Funded group home, responsible for writing plans of care and coordinating with Care Coordinators to ensure continuity of services and care. Responsible for delivering preventive intervention training for all staff at the Unit.

Qualified Professional, RHA Health Services Hendersonville Unit| November 2013-August 2019
Duties: Develop and write individual plans of care for individuals living in both ICF-MR and Innovations-funded DDA group homes. Oversee provision of services in these homes, supervise group home managers and providing clinical supervision of direct care staff. Conduct Corporate Investigations for allegations of abuse, neglect or exploitation. Complete annual Utilization Reviews. Complete monthly assessments and annual internal audits of each group home on the caseload. Hold meetings to develop plans, train staff and disperse information to members of the interdisciplinary team. Meet with team members for non-ICF residents and coordinate services and person centered plan implementation for residents living in non-ICF group homes operated by this unit. Oversee completion of service grids and other documentation for billing purposes. Maintain communication and necessary updates for government offices such as SSA and DHHS to keep residents Medicaid, Medicare and SS benefits current. Work closely with local provider networks, MCO/LMEs and health care specialists to establish, develop and maintain continuity of care for people supported. Certified to teach NCI A and B, as well as ProAct, RHA's Preventative Interventions and Behavior Management Course.

Other duties:

- Staff development: Teach new hire training classes--North Carolina Interventions (NCI), ProAct, Quality of Life: Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation, Interactions with

Families, Establishing Community Networking, assess staff development needs and implement trainings/in-services as appropriate
- Complete in-home assessments for each group home
- Provide performance reviews for staff members incorporating principles from the 7 Habits.
- Coordinate and facilitate effective communication among members of the interdisciplinary team for the execution of person centered plans.
- Implement team-building and staff development strategies

Supervised Living Services Coordinator, Ark Regional Services | January 2012-March 2013
Duties: Oversee residential habilitation services program, coordinating supports and staff development for 72 individuals receiving 24 hour support and supervision in their homes. Supervise and support the 10 supervisors of these 14 group homes. Providing and/or coordinating 24 hour on-call support for staff and clients. Serve as the liaison between Ark's day habilitation programs and the residential habilitation programs. Develop and oversee agency-wide safety program to meet CARF, OSHA and Wyoming Behavioral Health Division requirements.

Other duties:
- Develop and lead team-building workshops, conflict-resolution workshops
- Lead bi-monthly meetings for group home supervisors.
- Attend monthly psychiatric visits for clients receiving psychiatric care and medications.
- Plan and execute Ark's annual Christmas Ball, budgeting and planning for venue decoration, food and drink for 300 individuals. (December 2012)
- Plan and execute Ark's annual Chili Cook Off; budgeting and venue decoration for 200 staff (March 2008, March 2009, March 2010, March 2011, March 2012, March 2013).

Case Manager, Ark Regional Services | May 2008-January 2012
Duties: Served as center of communication for all staff, guardians and/or family members of all assigned individuals. Liaison between guardians and service providers. Met and conferred with the individual served, family members, staff and services care providers regarding daily living issues or other matters that affect health and social well-being of the individual. Providing home visits and assuring appropriate service provision. Develop, write and oversee an individualized plan of care for all assigned individuals. Maintained records on the individual plan of care, life skills, educational and vocational histories, and other assessment tools for each assigned individual. Held team meetings to assess the implementation of the individual plan of care and provider's service provision.

Supported Employment Specialist (Job Coach), Ark Regional Services | September 2007-May 2008
Supported individuals with disabilities to develop or improve upon work skills and to secure employment. Provide on-site support for individuals working in the local community. Serve as a liaison between employer and service provider.

Inside Advertising Consultant, Laramie Boomerang newspaper, Laramie Wyoming |April 2007-

September 2007

Manage accounts for local businesses advertising in the Laramie Boomerang. Making cold calls to gain new clientele. Various clerical and office tasks.

Preservation Technician, University of Nebraska Libraries | December 2006-March 2007

Process library materials needing rebinding or repair. Complete minor repairs to books, scholarly journals. Maintain the University's archived and vintage materials.

Respite care provider, Wyoming Down Syndrome Association | June 2008-March 2013

Duties: support and provide recreation for children at annual Down Syndrome family conference. Various tasks at annual Buddy Walk event (registration table, prize table).