GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

- **4 year term**

- Must be registered voters of the City of Asheville

- Seat(s):

Vacancy
Was Stephanie Brown
Term to expire 06-30-24 -Vacant

CURRENT MEMBERS	TERM EXPIRES	APPOINTED	TERMS	RESIDENT	RACE	HOMEOWNER/RENTER	SEX	AREA	OCCUPATION
CITY OF ASHEVILLE APPOINTEES:									
Brad Galbraith bgailbraith@biltmorefarms.com	06-30-22	06-19-18	1	City	W	H	M	South	V.P Community Bilitmore Farms, LLC
Stephanie Pace Brown (resigned)	06-30-20	06-14-16	1 unexpir.	City	W		F	North	
BUNCOMBE COUNTY APPOINTEES:									
Carl Ricker Jr. avlboard@flyavl.com	2020								
Matthew Burril (Chair) avlboard@flyavl.com	2022								
HENDERSON COUNTY APPOINTEES:									
Thomas Apodaca avlboard@flyavl.com	2022								
George Erwin, Jr. avlboard@flyavl.com	2020								
AT-LARGE APPOINTEE BY AUTHORITY:									
K. Ray Bailey avlboard@flyavl.com	6-00-20								

Airport Auth. Director: Lew Bleiweis lbleiweis@flyavl.com
Executive Assistant: Ellen Heywood eheywood@flyavl.com
Council Liaison: Vijay Kapoor

Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority - Resource List

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE #	DATE SUBMITTED APPLICATION	RESIDENT	HOMEOWNER/ RENTER	RACE	SEX	AREA	OCCUPATION	INTEREST IN OTHER BOARDS
Tom Hunter th@hunterautogroup.com	07-14-20	City	H	W	M	South	President & CEO Hunter Corporation	
Susan Russo Klein SRussoKlein@roberts-stevens.com	07-21-20	City	H	W	W	West	Attorney Roberts & Stevens, P.A.	

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: Airport Authority, Greater Asheville Regional

Your name: Tom Hunter Home Phone #: 828-489-9674

Street address: 429 Coopers Hawk Dr City: Asheville Zip Code: 28803

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Hunter Corporation

Your position: President and CEO Office Phone #: 828-693-8661

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race W * Sex M ✔ F ___ * Age 49 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

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: Our company owns and operates a car dealership adjacent to Broadmoor Golf Course. 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.**

Resume and cover letter under separate email.

Return to:

Sarah Terwilliger, Deputy City Clerk
Post Office Box 7148
Asheville, N.C. 28802-7148

E-Mail: sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov
Telephone: 259-5839
Fax #: 259-5499

eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com
Thomas D. Hunter
Key: d7d721a0fe08f4d2aa1f402f0fc5e7e

Signature: _____

Date: July 14, 2020

E-Mail: th@hunterautogroup.com

Fax #: 828-693-8661

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TOM HUNTER

429 Coopers Hawk Dr. Asheville, NC 28803 · 828-489-9674
th@hunterautogroup.com · linkedin.com/in/tomhunter4

Business leader who focuses on growth, improving others, accountability, honesty, hard work and a positive attitude.

EXPERIENCE

2002 – CURRENT
PRESIDENT AND CEO, HUNTER AUTO GROUP, HENDERSONVILLE, NC
Oversee all aspects of Hunter Auto Group and related companies. Led the company to record growth, profitability, low turnover, and high morale.

1999 – 2002
ASSOCIATE, BROOKWOOD ASSOCIATES, CHARLOTTE, NC
Mergers and acquisitions investment banking associate

1993 – 1997
VICE PRESIDENT, PLAN ADMINISTRATION, CHARLOTTE, NC
Founding member, developed software and led development team. Equity partner.

EDUCATION

MAY 1999
MBA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL
Beta Gamma Sigma, summer intern at Citigroup in New York

MAY 1993
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, DAVIDSON COLLEGE
Mathematics Major, played lacrosse and rugby

SKILLS

- Leadership – extensive training and experience
- Financial acumen
- Strategic planning
- Training

ACTIVITIES

Past Chairman – North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association
The Boys And Girls Club Care Award, Young Presidents Organization, Vistage International
Family, Fishing, Biking, Skiing, Travel, Golf

City of Asheville

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Name of board or commission: Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority Board

Your name: Susan Russo Klein Home Phone #: 828-301-9417

Street address: 75 Deaver St City: Asheville Zip Code: 28806

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Roberts & Stevens, P.A.

Your position: Attorney Office Phone #: 828-210-6821

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race White * Sex M ___ F ✔ * Age 49 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

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.

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Please see attached cover letter and resume.

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Asheville, N.C. 28802-7148

E-Mail: sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov
Telephone: 259-5839
Fax #: 259-5499

Signature: _____

Date: 7/21/20

E-Mail: srussoklein@roberts-

Fax #: 8282537200

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Susan Russo Klein

75 Deaver Street, Asheville, NC 28806
Srusso70@yahoo.com 828.301.9417 LinkedIn

Professional Experience

Roberts & Stevens, P.A.

Attorney, 2019 – Present

Advise employers, businesses and nonprofits resolve employment law issues and create strong business contracts, particularly in the hospitality industry. Advise organizations of all sizes on challenging employment issues, from training and compliance to defending labor audits and discrimination complaints. Resolve disputes, negotiate and draft contracts, including service agreements, commercial leases and acquisitions. Serve as general counsel to Asheville Buncombe Hotel Association.

Hulsing Hotels, Asheville, NC

General Counsel, 2012–2018

Served as chief legal officer advising more than 40 affiliate companies owning and operating hotels, commercial and residential real estate, durable medical supply companies and other businesses across six states. Researched and advised company on a variety of legal issues, including regulatory compliance. Advised internal clients on employment law matters, drafted policies and manuals, negotiated settlements, and represented clients in audits and mediations. Supervised human resources and recommended risk management strategies. Drafted and negotiated transactional documents, including solution-oriented purchase agreements, service contracts, and settlement agreements. Directed outside counsel in litigation. Promoted employee and community engagement by developing service programs and advising on corporate giving.

- Led companies through six Department of Labor audits without incurring major penalties.
- Successfully mediated five EEOC claims.
- Negotiated and closed a $15 million refinancing package and completed a $9 million acquisition.

The Law Office of Susan Russo Klein, PLLC, Asheville, NC
St. John-Ritzen & Russo Klein, PLLC, Asheville, NC

Attorney at Law, 2010–2012

Served as managing partner at elder law and estate planning firms. Drafted wills, powers of attorney, and various trusts. Assisted clients with estate and Medicaid planning. Administered estates in probate. Presented elder law to attorneys and community members.

The North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching, Cullowhee, NC
The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, Asheville, NC

Nonprofit Fundraising and Relationship Management, 2006–2011

Partnered with regional and state nonprofits to develop fundraising goals, created programs to raise more than $1.3 million, and implement development plans.

- Created three new endowments supporting teachers.
- Raised $250,000 in annual gala event.
- Managed CFWNC *Women for Women* Giving Circle.

Experience Prior to 2006

South College, Chair of Legal Studies, 2000–2006

Global Interactive Communications Corp., Associate General Counsel, 1998-1999

ResNet Communications LLC, Associate General Counsel, 1995-1998

GE Capital-ResCom LP, Contract Manager, 1994-1995

Education and Credentials

Juris Doctor
Southwestern University School of Law – Los Angeles, CA

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, Minor in Spanish Language & Literature
St. Andrews Presbyterian College – Laurinburg, NC

Licensure
North Carolina State Bar
U.S. District Court, North Carolina, Western District

Technical Proficiencies
Windows OS; Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook;
Westlaw, North Carolina Fastcase

Professional Associations and Awards

North Carolina State Bar and Buncombe County Bar, Member, 2000 - Present,
North Carolina Bar Association, Member, 2012 – Present
North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys, Member, 2012 – 2014
NCBA Small Firm Pro Bono Service Award, 2012

Volunteer Activities

Buncombe County Bar Association, Executive Committee Member, 2019-Present
Pisgah Legal Services, Hotline Attorney - Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyer, 2000-Present
North Carolina Bar Association Call 4All, 2011-Present
North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys Education Chair, 2012-2013
Asheville Area Paralegal Association, Co-Founder, 2003-Present
St. Eugene Catholic Church Parish Council, 2017-Present
Council on Aging of Buncombe County Board Member, 2011 – 2014

Susan Russo Klein

75 Deaver Street, Asheville, NC 28806
Srusso70@yahoo.com 828.301.9417

July 21, 2020

Asheville City Council
c/o sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov

Re: Application for Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority Board

Dear Council Members:

Please accept my application for the Asheville Airport Authority Board. As a hospitality attorney practicing in Asheville for more than twenty years, I have a strong background in tourism and legal issues that affect the hospitality industry in our region. I would love to serve our community by lending my legal and hospitality experience to the Board.

My experience in Asheville's hospitality industry includes advising the Asheville Buncombe Hotel Association and individual hoteliers throughout our region. Asheville is a unique tourism destination, and our Airport deserves strong positive leadership to move it forward. With my background and experience I believe I would serve as a strong advisor and Board Member to the Airport Authority Board. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,



Susan Russo Klein