Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

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David Angelus	9/18/2026	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Pending	Asheville, NC 28805	**Phone:** REDACTED **Cell Phone:** REDACTED **Email:** REDACTED	Validated
Mychal Bacoate	10/16/2026	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Pending	Arden, NC 28704	**Phone:** REDACTED **Email:** REDACTED	Validated
Vonna Cloninger	11/13/2025	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Pending	Candler, NC 28715	**Phone:** REDACTED **Cell Phone:** REDACTED **Email:** REDACTED	Validated
Carl Cogdill	8/19/2026	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Pending	Asheville, NC 28803	**Phone:** REDACTED **Cell Phone:** REDACTED **Email:** REDACTED	Validated
Mr. Franklin Mark Combs	8/4/2026	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Pending	Candler, NC 28715	**Cell Phone:** REDACTED **Email:** REDACTED	Validated
Brian Douglas Haynes	8/11/2026	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Pending	Asheville, NC 28801	**Phone:** REDACTED **Cell Phone:** REDACTED **Email:** REDACTED	Validated
Stephen P McCreery	7/2/2026	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Pending	Asheville, NC 28801	**Cell Phone:** REDACTED **Email:** REDACTED	Validated
Michael Edward Pesant	8/7/2026	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Pending	Asheville, NC 28803	**Phone:** REDACTED **Email:** REDACTED	Validated
Ms Marilynn D Raynor	9/22/2026	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Pending	Asheville, NC 28715	**Phone:** REDACTED **Email:** REDACTED	Validated
Andrew Tyson	8/6/2026	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Pending	Asheville, NC 28806	**Phone:** REDACTED **Cell Phone:** REDACTED **Email:** REDACTED	Validated

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David Angelus

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Status

Name	David Angelus
Application Date	9/18/2026
Expiration Date	9/18/2027
Board Member	**David Angelus**
Status	Validated BY: UNKNOWN USER @BEFORE 4/1/2026

Board	Vacancies	Status
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board	0	Pending

Basic Information

Name
David Angelus

Contact Information

Address
Asheville, NC 28805

Email
REDACTED

Phone
REDACTED

Cell Phone
REDACTED

Business Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer
Retired from JPMorgan Bank

Job Title
Retired Bank Operations and Finance Executive

How did you hear about the opening?
City Staff employee

Are you a City of Asheville resident?
Yes

List any special qualifications and or experiences you have for service on this board. (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
Extensive operations and finance experience. Currently serve as Board Treasurer for multiple non-profit organizations locally: Manna Foodbank, Woodfin Business Association, Swannanoa Museum and a national car club.

What do you think will be your best contribution to the board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
We have dedicated our time in western North Carolina contributing as volunteers to multiple nonprofit organizations and also through philanthropic activities. Through our work, we have firsthand experience with the opportunities and challenges with the people living in WNC, where our strategic planning and management experience enable us to help others and organizations greatly improve their performance.

What would you like to achieve if appointed to this board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
I believe I would be able to offer Deep financial and operational experience to the board as well as help participate in programs implemented to help people work through alcohol related challenges.

Please describe your ability to listen and consider perspectives that are different from your own.
Working as a senior leader on multiple nonprofits, both nationally and locally exposes you to different people and experiences across the socioeconomic spectrum, causing you to constantly reevaluate your perspectives and to test your opinions. Well, this can be challenging, it generally produces a better result.

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that exist or may arise during your service on the board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If yes, please explain.
None

What is your geographic area/neighborhood of residency?
East Asheville (28805)

Which best describes your current housing?
Homeowner

What is your age?
55-64

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What is your racial or ethnic identity?
White/Non-Hispanic

What language(s) is/are spoken at your home? Please check all that apply or use "other" to describe.
English

Do you have a preferred name?
David Angelus

What is your gender identity?
(Non-trans) Man

What pronouns do you use?
He/Him/His

What is your sexual orientation?
Heterosexual

What is your employment status?
Retired

What is your yearly household income or salary?
More than $125,000

What is your primary mode of transportation?
Car

Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability or do you have a disability?
REDACTED

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Mychal Bacoate

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Board	Vacancies	Status
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board	0	Pending

Basic Information

Name
Mychal Bacoate

Contact Information

Address
Arden, NC 28704

Email
REDACTED

Phone
REDACTED

Business Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer
HomeTrust Bank

Job Title
Loss Mitigation

How did you hear about the opening?
Current or former board member

Are you a City of Asheville resident?
Yes

List any special qualifications and or experiences you have for service on this board. (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
Finance, regulatory and community engagement.

What do you think will be your best contribution to the board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
My long standing commitment to serving this community in a variety of capacities.

What would you like to achieve if appointed to this board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
Returning resources to the community and ensuring the process is transparent and equitable.

Please describe your ability to listen and consider perspectives that are different from your own.
Viewpoint diversity is critical in serving on any board and in moving the community forward. My work experience and previous board service has required working with individuals with different perspectives. Hearing differing opinions has often sharpened my own arguments and has required me to consider how decisions impact others.

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that exist or may arise during your service on the board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If yes, please explain.
No

What is your geographic area/neighborhood of residency?
South Asheville (28803 or 28704)

Which best describes your current housing?
Prefer not to disclose

What is your age?
35-54

What is your racial or ethnic identity?
African American or Black

What language(s) is/are spoken at your home? Please check all that apply or use "other" to describe.
English

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What is your gender identity?
(Non-trans) Man

What pronouns do you use?
Prefer not to disclose

What is your sexual orientation?
Prefer not to disclose

What is your employment status?
Employed, full-time

What is your yearly household income or salary?
$50,000 to $125,000

What is your primary mode of transportation?
Car

Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability or do you have a disability?
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MYCHAL BACOATE
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Arden, NC 28704
Tel: 828-290-0615

Areas of Specialty

- Mortgage lending and servicing
- Dodd Frank Act and CFPB
- Consumer and Mortgage Debt Restructuring
- US Bankruptcy Code
- Working Knowledge of the BSA, Fair Lending Act, FDIC, CRA and Fair Credit Act
- Extensive Collections training and work experience
- Credit Reporting and Tax return Analysis

Professional experience

2013-Present HomeTrust Bank Asheville, North Carolina

Loss Mitigation Specialist I & II

Administered Bank Policies regarding delinquent mortgage and consumer loan products. Service and tracked delinquent accounts and kept all team members apprised of their status. Make workout and modification recommendations. Educate customers on the consequences of delinquency and provide them with pathways to resolving payment issues. Performed general loan and customer service duties.

Other responsibilities include:
Disaster relief and recovery assistance
Estate account management
Servicing of Bankruptcy Loans
Quarterly impairment tests of TDR Loans
Maintenance of weekly consumer and mortgage charge off General Ledgers.
Issuance of unsecured credit to payoff charge- offs and deficiencies.
Referral of delinquent loans to counsel to initiate Foreclosure.
Identifying mortgage, consumer and commercial Notes for sale to third parties.
Ordering appraisals to ascertain value of collateral.
Collection of overdrawn checking accounts.
Sourcing of Third-Party service providers.
Release of Liens and collateral.
Assigning risk grades to loans across mortgage, consumer and

commercial portfolio.

2010-2013 Soboleski Law **Asheville, North Carolina**
Housing Counselor
Assisted with loss mitigation representation to Homeowners and Investors. Worked directly with Lenders, Servicer and Investors to resolve and prevent delinquencies by exploring various workout options. Workout options included Short Sales, Loan Modification, forbearance and Deed in Lieu of foreclosure. Assisted in the defense of consumers in foreclosure proceedings by communicating directly with the Substitute Trustee and Clerk of Superior Court. Filed Motions to Continue, Affidavits, notices of appeals. Utilized the services of various State and Federal regulators (OCC, CFPB and NC Banking Commission) to assist with negotiations. Involved in drafting lawsuits for wrongful foreclosure under the unfair and deceptive business practices statute when applicable. Also, worked with clients with eminent foreclosure sales and evictions. Negotiated deficiency judgment settlements.

- Managed workload of 150 clients, 30% of which were GSE backed loans
- 98% workout success rate (Modification, Forbearance or Voluntary relinquishment)
- 100% of primary residences were spared from foreclosure
- 95% HAMP approval rate
- Average time of resolution was 6-8 months, industry standard is 12 months

2008-2010 Kimmel & Associates **Asheville, North Carolina**
Executive Search Consultant
Executed retainer based executive search services for the logistics, supply chain and financial services sector. Searches were for both private and publicly traded institutions. The primary function was to locate qualified candidates for positions and prepare their interviews, salary and benefits negotiations, and manage relocation if required. Also conducted high level reference and background checks, fidelity and non-compete disclosures.

- Specialized in C- Level position searches
- Average salary package for candidate was $175,000.00

- Performed specialty searches for clients, including focusing on women, minorities, H-1 visa holders
- Placed over 150 highly qualified professionals
- Exceeded company goal of 75 calls per day and $300,000 in quarterly billing
- Managed internal database of over 5,000 candidate profiles

Worked closely with start-up companies specializing in venture capital, OEM, global freight forwarding, project financing and estimation.

2007 University Accounting Services Raleigh, North Carolina
Special Projects Assistant

Managed long term projects for accounting firm servicing student loan industry. The focus of this position was to consolidate and charge off long-delinquent private and non-subsidized loans. The average age of loan was 10 years and default rate within 2 years was 90%. Implemented a strenuous exit counseling program that informed borrowers of the terms of the loan and agreement and fostered better communications with borrower and lender to reduce delinquencies. Purged loans where funding was not available and borrower could not be located or if borrower was deceased, effectively reducing manpower devotion. Aggressively settled debts in order to generate revenue. Improved employee training to improve relationships with borrowers and reduced the adversarial perception of the firm.

- Supervised staff of 12
- Implemented polices that made staff more productive and efficiency
- Created borrower feedback forms to aid in continued improvement of the firm and provided guidance on how to train employees.

2003-2006 Wachovia National Bank Raleigh, North Carolina
Collections Specialist/ Loss Mitigation officer

Serviced delinquent mortgage accounts for a diverse portfolio of investors. Conducted financial counseling, designed repayment and forbearance plans, also referred delinquent loans for foreclosure. Worked with consumers to modify loans or workout voluntary relinquishment of property. Referred loans for property preservation, conducted skip tracing to locate borrowers.

- 25% of portfolio was sub prime
- 30% of portfolio was GSE or FHA backed
- 90% workout rate

- Managed loss mitigation training center for 6 months
- Trained on all relevant federal and state guidelines, including RESPA, FDCPA, BSA, Sarbanes Oxley

Supervised staff of 4 in closing workouts, deed in lieu'and short sales

Education

2003-2007 North Carolina State University Raleigh, North Carolina

Public Administration, Biological Sciences

Additional Skills and Training:

Fiserv Products
US Bankruptcy Code
Credco
Corelogic
LoanServ
Community Reinvestment Act
HMDA
Notary Public
PACER
Dodd-Frank ACT/ CFPB

Community Involvement

2011- 2021, Buncombe County Board of Adjustment

Duties:
Quasi-Judicial tribunal that rules on Zoning variances, Conditional uses and any appeals in relations to the application of County zoning laws. Appointed by the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners.

2008- 2020, Chief Judge, Buncombe County Board of Elections

Duties:
Administration of all municipal, state and federal elections in Buncombe County.

2011- 2023 Present, Guardian Ad Litem, 28th(now 40th) Judicial District of North Carolina

Duties:
Appointed by Chief District Court Judge to represent the interest of any abused or neglected child/juvenile in all court proceedings in Buncombe County. Empowered to conduct independent investigation of abuse and neglect claims. Results of investigations are admissible in any family, criminal or civil proceeding.

2018-2020 Present, Member, Human Relations Commission of the City of Asheville

Duties:
Appointed by the Asheville City Council. Makes policy recommendations to the City Council which promote and improve human relations and advance equity in the city in the following areas: public safety; education, art and cultural opportunities; economic development; health and human services; and housing

2017-2021 Founding Board Member, Asheville PEAK Academy
Duties:
Founding board member of Non-profit, Public charter School serving at risk k-8 students. Assisted in securing charter from the NC Department of Public Instruction. Drafted and prepared financial policies, benefits package, insurance, liability and contract protocols.
Chair, School Director Search Committee
Chair, Finance and Governance Committee
Member, Facilities committee
Treasurer of the Board

2021-Present, member, and President, Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity
Duties:
Board President since December 2024
Past Chair, Homeowner Loan Committee, serves as the selection committee for applicants, establishes lending criteria and credit policies. Also reviews delinquencies and makes appropriate recommendations for action.
Past Chair, Governance Committee, serves as the committee to ensure organizational best practices and senior staff annual evaluations.

2025-Present, member and Chairman, Housing Authority of the City of Asheville
Duties:
Providing policy direction, financial oversight, supervision of executive leadership, ensuring compliance with applicable local, state and federal regulations. Community ambassador on behalf of HACA and its initiatives.

MYCHAL BACOATE

Arden, North Carolina | 828-290-0615

Dear Members of Asheville City Council:

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Asheville Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. I have spent much of my professional and civic life serving Asheville and Buncombe County, and I see the ABC Board as an opportunity to serve my community in a new way.

I am particularly interested in the Board because of the role it plays in returning resources to our community. I would welcome the opportunity to help ensure those resources are managed responsibly and that community investments reach people and organizations that have historically been underrepresented or underserved.

Professionally, my background is primarily in banking and financial services, where I have worked extensively with lending, servicing, regulatory requirements, risk management, and consumer financial matters. That experience has taught me the importance of strong financial oversight, regulatory compliance, sound internal controls, and thoughtful decision-making within highly regulated environments.

I also bring significant experience in public and nonprofit governance. I have served on the Buncombe County Board of Adjustment, the City of Asheville Human Relations Commission, and as a founding board member and treasurer of Asheville PEAK Academy. I currently serve as Board President of Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity and as Chair of the Housing Authority of the City of Asheville. These roles have strengthened my experience in financial oversight, policy development, governance, executive accountability, and collaborative decision-making.

I understand that service on the Asheville ABC Board carries both fiduciary and public responsibilities. I would approach those responsibilities with independence, professionalism, sound judgment, and a commitment to ensuring that the organization serves the broader Asheville community.

I would be honored to continue my service to Asheville as a member of the ABC Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mychal Bacoate

Vonna Cloninger

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Board Member	**Vonna Cloninger**
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Board	Vacancies	Status
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board	0	Pending

Basic Information

Name
Vonna Cloninger

Contact Information

Address
Candler, NC 28715

Email
REDACTED

Phone
REDACTED

Cell Phone
REDACTED

Business Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer
Biltmore Iron and Metal Co. Inc

Job Title
CEO/ owner

How did you hear about the opening?
City website

Are you a City of Asheville resident?
No

List any special qualifications and or experiences you have for service on this board. (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
I have served on numerous local and national boards. My primary residence is in the county, but I own a condo in downtown Asheville and two businesses in Asheville city limits.

What do you think will be your best contribution to the board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
My ability to work with others, my knowledge of this area as a native of Asheville, my leadership skills and my desire to help in the community.

What would you like to achieve if appointed to this board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
Continuity

Please describe your ability to listen and consider perspectives that are different from your own.
As a business owner, I learned to listen every day to employees. I'm always willing to hear their side of any story and welcome them as my family. I am a non-prejudice person. i am proud of the fact that we have employees that have been with us for many years.

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that exist or may arise during your service on the board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If yes, please explain.
I see no conflict of interest in serving on this board

What is your geographic area/neighborhood of residency?
Other

Which best describes your current housing?
Homeowner

What is your age?
65 and Over

What is your racial or ethnic identity?
White/Non-Hispanic

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What language(s) is/are spoken at your home? Please check all that apply or use "other" to describe.
English

Do you have a preferred name?
Vonna

What is your gender identity?
(Non-trans) Woman

What pronouns do you use?
She/Her/Hers

What is your sexual orientation?
Heterosexual

What is your employment status?
Employed, full-time

What is your yearly household income or salary?
More than $125,000

What is your primary mode of transportation?
Car

Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability or do you have a disability?
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Carl Cogdill

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Board Member	Carl Cogdill
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Board	Vacancies	Status
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board	0	Pending

Basic Information

Name
Carl Cogdill

Contact Information

Address
Asheville, NC 28803

Email
REDACTED

Phone
REDACTED

Cell Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer
Astute Public Records

Job Title
President

How did you hear about the opening?
City website

Are you a City of Asheville resident?
No

List any special qualifications and or experiences you have for service on this board. (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
I have a Master's in Business Administration, I am a small business owner, and I have extensive experience interpreting laws and ordinances.

What do you think will be your best contribution to the board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
I have only lived here for a few months. I have no affiliations with any people or businesses here.

What would you like to achieve if appointed to this board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
I am looking for an opportunity where I can use my skills and experience to contribute to the community. I think this is it.

Please describe your ability to listen and consider perspectives that are different from your own.
I run a successful business, it is successful because I can listen to various stakeholders and determine the optimal course of action. I am very facts and data driven.

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that exist or may arise during your service on the board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If yes, please explain.
I am not aware of any conflict.

What is your geographic area/neighborhood of residency?
Central (28801)

Which best describes your current housing?
Renter

What is your age?
55-64

What is your racial or ethnic identity?
White/Non-Hispanic

What language(s) is/are spoken at your home? Please check all that apply or use "other" to describe.
English

Do you have a preferred name?
Carl

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(Non-trans) Man

What pronouns do you use?
He/Him/His

What is your sexual orientation?
Prefer not to disclose

What is your employment status?
Employed, full-time

What is your yearly household income or salary?
Prefer not to disclose

What is your primary mode of transportation?
Car

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Carl Cogdill

20 Angler Trail

Asheville, NC 28803

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Areas of Expertise:

Global Multi-Site Operational Leadership / Revenue & Profit Maximization / Positive EBITDA Impact / Employee Recruitment & Training/ P&L Management & Budgetary Direction / Margin Improvement Initiatives / Leadership Development/ Turnover Reduction/ Vendor Management

Professional Experience

President

Astute Public Records, 2022- Present, Purcellville, VA

Selected Contributions:

- Founded a nationwide wholesale criminal records research business.
- Grew company to over $5 million in Revenue within the first two years of operation.
- Managed criminal record researchers throughout the United States to ensure conformity with search standards and client guidelines.

Vice President, Vendor Management & Process Engineering

Wholesale Screening Services, 2017-2022, Purcellville, VA

Selected Contributions:

- Reduced operating expenses by over $10 million during tenure.
- Reduced error rate on criminal record searches by over 75% during tenure.
- Reduced turnaround time on criminal record searches by over 25% during tenure.

Vice President of Operations

Employment Screening Services, 2016-2017, Birmingham, AL

Selected Contributions:

- Negotiated vendor agreements which resulted in a 15% reduction in research expenses within the first ninety days.
- Established departmental metrics as well as individual performance metrics for each member of the Operations team.
- Selected, hired, and trained a management team to ensure that each team member received performance feedback on a weekly basis.

Senior Director, Screening Operations

Talentwise, Inc., 2013-2016, Bothell, WA

Managed fulfillment of criminal searches, both domestic and international, as well as the processing of various occupational health services. Responsible for vendor relationships in excess of $15 million. Served as subject matter expert for sales and account management teams.

Selected Contributions:

- Negotiated vendor agreements which results in a reduction of COGS expenses of over $1.5 million in the first year.
- Turned Occupational Health product line from a net operating loss to a profitable product line with a 20% net margin.

Senior Director of Criminal Investigations, First Advantage Corporation, 2004-2013, St. Petersburg, FL

Management Trainer (Founder), Manage Better.com, 2002-2004, Stewartstown, PA

Director of Operations, Kroll Background America, 1999-2002, Hampstead, MD

Education

Six Sigma Greenbelt, Villanova University, August 2004

B.S., Political Science , Frostburg State University, August 1991

M.B.A., Management, York College of Pennsylvania, December 2001

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August 19, 2026

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
City of Asheville
70 Court Plaza
Asheville, NC 28801

Dear Members of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the City of Asheville Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board. As a resident of Asheville who values public safety, responsible business practices, and a vibrant local hospitality sector, I would welcome the opportunity to contribute thoughtful, balanced leadership to the Board's work regulating and supporting alcohol-related activity in our community.

My background has equipped me with skills directly relevant to the ABC Board's responsibilities, including careful review of regulations and applications, fair and impartial decision-making, and constructive engagement with business owners and members of the public. I approach regulatory matters with an emphasis on public health and safety, economic vitality, and equity for all stakeholders.

If appointed, I would bring the following strengths to the Board:

- Impartial, evidence-based judgment: I will evaluate applications and enforcement issues according to state and local law, applicable ABC rules, and established facts rather than personal preference.
- Respectful stakeholder engagement: I will listen to license applicants, neighborhood representatives, law enforcement, and city staff, and seek to balance community concerns with the needs of legitimate businesses.
- Commitment to public safety and compliance: I support clear standards and consistent enforcement aimed at reducing harm, underage access, and nuisance activity while enabling responsible operators to succeed.

- Practical problem-solving: I will aim for outcomes that are lawful, transparent, and that minimize unnecessary burdens on small businesses while protecting neighborhood quality of life.
- Professionalism and availability: I understand the time and attention the role requires and will prepare thoroughly for meetings, hearings, and any additional responsibilities.

I am committed to Asheville's continued growth as a safe, inclusive, and economically healthy community. Serving on the ABC Board would be an opportunity to help ensure our alcohol regulations are applied fairly and effectively to protect public welfare while supporting responsible businesses that contribute to the city's culture and economy.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be glad to discuss my qualifications further or provide any additional information you require. I can be reached at 410-303-3573 or ccogdill@astutepr.com.

Sincerely,



Carl Cogdill

Mr. Franklin Mark Combs

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Basic Information

Name
Mr. Franklin Mark Combs

Contact Information

Address
Candler, NC 28715

Email
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Cell Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer
Retired

How did you hear about the opening?
City Staff employee

Are you a City of Asheville resident?
No

List any special qualifications and or experiences you have for service on this board. (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
Employed by Asheville as PW Director; GM of ABC Board from 2011 to 2026, and have extensive knowledge of GSNC regarding spiritous liquor, ABC operations, processes and customs; held management positions for 46 years

What do you think will be your best contribution to the board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
As the GM of the organization for past 14+ years, I have an intimate knowledge of the Board's staff, operations, processes, future challenges, strengths and weaknesses. I have, and will continue to help, ABC staff whenever requested.

What would you like to achieve if appointed to this board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
To keep the ABC as the paragon of a progressive Board. Asheville is known throughout the state as one of the best-operated systems, and I know how we got there!

Please describe your ability to listen and consider perspectives that are different from your own.
I am a socratic leader who surrounds himself with people who do not think like me. It makes for a stronger team to have multiple viewpoints. In 46 years, I have never lost a senior team member (unless they promoted or moved).

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that exist or may arise during your service on the board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If yes, please explain.
None.

What is your geographic area/neighborhood of residency?
Other

Which best describes your current housing?
Homeowner

What is your age?
65 and Over

What is your racial or ethnic identity?
White/Non-Hispanic

What language(s) is/are spoken at your home? Please check all that apply or use "other" to describe.
English

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Do you have a preferred name?
Mark

What is your gender identity?
(Non-trans) Man

What pronouns do you use?
He/Him/His

What is your sexual orientation?
Heterosexual

What is your employment status?
Retired

What is your yearly household income or salary?
Prefer not to disclose

What is your primary mode of transportation?
Car

Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability or do you have a disability?
REDACTED

Do you need any reasonable accommodation to make your board service more effective? (Need of reasonable accommodation does not preclude you from consideration of appointment.)
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F. Mark Combs

79 Vintage Road, Candler NC 28715 ● (828) 779-0080 ●fmarkcombs@gmail.com

EXECUTIVE MANAGER

~ Over 43 years of management & leadership experience ~

Accustomed to accepting responsibility and delegating authority; Extensive experience building consensus through people with a wide range of communications skills; Able to lead others, organize, budget, plan and implement complex programs and special projects which require technical knowledge and experience; Excellent communications and people management skills with a commitment to achieving cost effective results; Unique combination of technical skills and leadership to get the job done.

KEY PROFICIENCIES

Leadership	Customer Service	Business Operations
Strategic Change	Budgeting	Innovation

Key Accomplishments

- Recruited by Asheville ABC Board to re-focus the organization and return profitability
- Recruited by Black Mountain to improve the department's performance via leadership (responsibility with accountability) due to reputation and experience in transforming citizen service expectations into pragmatic best practices programming
- 30 years as a department head/ key business leader in a high profile political environment in North Carolina local governments and earning a reputation for getting the job done
- Championed employee development through formal mentoring, internal staff development and classroom teaching (to include research and development of all teaching material); developed and taught management & supervision, customer service and high performance organizations classes in the City's training program. Asheville received a national award for this program. Served as interim Personnel Director in 2005
- Conceived and enabled city-wide 'green' programs to include development of education program, 'right-sized' fleet procurement policy, use of alternative fuels (CNG, bio-diesel, electric vehicles), staffing (energy coordinator) and policy implementation and programming. City's green program is a national model for mid-sized cities
- Key leader in infrastructure design review and implementation of new materials and technologies
- Implemented automated garbage collection program resulting in the reduction of 18 staff and annual savings of $250,000; instituted Asheville's first household curbside recycling program (1997) to 28,000 households. Statewide comparison showed program had lowest cost and highest participation rate
- Re-organized the Fleet Management Division into a modified enterprise financial system with shop fee structure, performance measures, preventive maintenance program, and capital equipment prioritization program (and policy)
- 2009 North Carolina Chapter President of the American Public Works Association

Employment Summary

Asheville Alcoholic Beverage Control Board **2011-2026**
General Manager
•Responsible for the distribution and sale of spirituous liquor in strict accordance with N.C. General Statutes; ~$50M annual operation includes 10 retail stores, warehouse and law enforcement operations, 46 full-time employees and 25-35 part time employees. Work under supervision of Asheville City Council-appointed board of directors.

Town of Black Mountain **2010-2011**
Public Services Director
•Population served: 7,950; 18 staff, responsible for water system operations, streets maintenance and repair, parks maintenance, budgeting, project and capital planning & implementation, comprehensive administrative duties; 32 hour per week work schedule.

Curbside Management, Inc. **2010**
Operations Manager
•Private corporation providing residential and commercial recycling services in Western North Carolina to include the Cities of Asheville, Hendersonville, Weaverville, Woodfin and Fletcher.
•Responsible for company operations to include 13 tons/hour single stream materials recovery facility, collection routing and scheduling, shipping, personnel management, customer service and strategic planning.

City of Asheville, N.C. **1995-2010**
Director of Public Works
•Population served: 92,452; Four divisions, 133 staff, $13M annual operating budget
•*Streets Division*: Services to 400 miles of streets to include: sidewalks-concrete construction, asphalt preventive maintenance, patching & resurfacing crews, storm water systems construction & repair, street cleaning, trees maintenance & removal, ROW mowing, signs & markings, street light system and graffiti program.
•*Sanitation Division*: Weekly solid waste services to include MSW, yard/brush and white goods collection to 27,000 customers. Seasonal leaf collection program and recycling program via contract with private company.
•*Fleet Management Division*: Repair & maintenance of 700+ fleet valued at $36M; Gas/diesel/CNG fueling operation for 1500 users; CIP and vehicle procurement program management; complex enterprise/governmental accounting system.
•*Administration and Energy Management Office*: Overall departmental administration. Energy office: Implementation of sustainability strategies for entire organization and in coordination with community and political leadership.

Watauga County Government, Boone, N.C. **1983-1995**
Operations Services Director
Hired to design and manage newly formed department when solid waste disposal responsibilities shifted from municipalities to counties (statewide initiative).
•*Sanitation Department*: Responsible for all landfill operations (per strict permitting compliance), staffed convenience center operations and MSW collections, and recycling collections, processing and commodity sales.

•*Animal Control Department*: Director of staff, facility, ordinance administration & appeals process. Key contact for citizen issues and community liaison.
•*Special Projects*: Grants writing, industrial park grading and road construction, high school athletic field construction and special projects, as assigned.

United States Armed Forces (Army) **1980-1983**
1st Lieutenant (P), Field Artillery
•Performed all leadership duties as Army officer in a nuclear and combat-ready tactical 155mm self-propelled artillery unit.
•Battery Executive Officer responsible for 80 artillery troops and six 155mm howitzers, nuclear proficiency to assure safe and accurate delivery of munitions on the target.
•Battalion Maintenance Officer responsible for maintenance of $40M inventory.

Education

M.P.A., Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C. 1997
B.S., Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C. 1980

Professional Training & Awards

- 2026 recipient of North Carolina's **Order of the Long Leaf Pine** from Governor Stein
- 2011 American Public Works Association recipient of N.C. Robert K. Seals Award (Most Outstanding statewide public works executive)
- Chapter President, American Public Works Association, 2009
- Public Executive Leadership Academy (PELA), Institute of Government, 2006
- United Way Board of Directors (2001-2005), Grants Committee Chair: three years
- Senior Executive Institute, University of Virginia, 2003
- President, NC American Public Works Assoc., Administrative Division, 2001
- 7 Habits of Highly Effective People (Certification), 2001
- University of Virginia "Leading, Education and Developing" Course, 1999
- Total Quality Management (TQM) Facilitator Training Certificate, 1996
- Developmental Supervision, NCSU/Institute of Government, 1995-96
- Excellence in Public Service Award, Outstanding Executive Manager, 1995
- Region D Council of Governments Award of Excellence, Outstanding Service to the Region, Solid Waste, 1991-92
- National Association of Counties (National) Achievement Award, Schools Recycling Program, 1988
- SWANA Manager of Landfill Operations Certificate (#044), 1988
- Municipal Administration Course, Institute of Government, 1987
- Army Commendation Medal, DESERT RAIDER I, 1983
- Army Achievement Medal, OPERATION DESERT STEEL 82, 1982

F. Mark Combs

Applicant for Vacancy on Asheville ABC Board

August 3, 2026

City Council Members:

I would be honored to be appointed to the Asheville ABC Board. I have the credentials and experience to be a hard-working member of the Board. My love of the City, and especially the ABC Board, cannot be adequately put into words. It would be my mission to keep our ABC in the top tier of all Boards in North Carolina.

I moved to Asheville in July 1995 to take the position of Public Works Director, retiring in 2010 with 30+ years of service in local government. I remain proud of the many projects I accomplished as your PW Director. The City was very good to me.

In 2011 I took the position of General Manager of the ABC Board which ended this past June. Once again I was a part of Asheville and enjoyed the challenge of transforming Asheville ABC into a highly efficient organization known throughout North Carolina as a paragon of how an ABC system should be operated. The current staff is highly trained and motivated, and I am confident that their leadership, integrity and competence will be the key to continued excellence. As a Board member, it would be incumbent upon us to provide the leadership and policies to keep this precedence.

Please consider my request for the appointment.

Cordially,

Mark Combs

Brian Douglas Haynes

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Application Date	8/11/2026
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Board Member	**Brian Douglas Haynes**
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Board	Vacancies	Status
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board	0	Pending

Basic Information

Name
Brian Douglas Haynes

Contact Information

Address
Asheville, NC 28801

Email
REDACTED

Phone
REDACTED

Cell Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer
Self employed

Job Title
Records in the RAD Co Owner

How did you hear about the opening?
Current or former board member

Are you a City of Asheville resident?
Yes

List any special qualifications and or experiences you have for service on this board. (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
Former City Council Member

What do you think will be your best contribution to the board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
I'm a lifelong Asheville resident with a strong belief in giving back to the community.

What would you like to achieve if appointed to this board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
I have no agenda beyond serving.

Please describe your ability to listen and consider perspectives that are different from your own.
I like to think that come into any decision with an open mind, willing to hear all sides prior to forming an opinion.

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that exist or may arise during your service on the board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If yes, please explain.
No.

What is your geographic area/neighborhood of residency?
Central (28801)

Which best describes your current housing?
Homeowner

What is your age?
65 and Over

What is your racial or ethnic identity?
White/Non-Hispanic

What language(s) is/are spoken at your home? Please check all that apply or use "other" to describe.
English

Do you have a preferred name?
Brian

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What is your gender identity?
(Non-trans) Man

What pronouns do you use?
He/Him/His

What is your sexual orientation?
Heterosexual

What is your employment status?
Employed, part-time

What is your yearly household income or salary?
$50,000 to $125,000

What is your primary mode of transportation?
Car

Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability or do you have a disability?
REDACTED

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Stephen P McCreery

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Application Date	7/2/2026
Expiration Date	7/2/2027
Board Member	**Stephen P McCreery**
Status	Validated BY: ASMITH3@ASHEVILLENC.GOV @7/6/2026 4:06 PM ET

Board	Vacancies	Status
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board	0	Pending

Basic Information

Name
Stephen P McCreery

Contact Information

Address
Asheville, NC 28801

Email
REDACTED

Cell Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer
Self Employed

How did you hear about the opening?
City flyer or email distribution list

Are you a City of Asheville resident?
Yes

List any special qualifications and or experiences you have for service on this board. (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
I have experience serving on boards in an academic environment, most recently as a professor at Appalachian State University between 2014-2024. I am also familiar with how the ABC board works in North Carolina; I have lived in the state of North Carolina collectively for 22 years (and counting.)

What do you think will be your best contribution to the board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
For ABC: I have very good listening, reasoning, and speaking skills; I also have a technical-thinking brain and am an avid reader of fine print. Because I do visit ABC stores once or twice a month, I am familiar with how they operate and are designed from a customer's perspective.

What would you like to achieve if appointed to this board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
ABC: Ideally, to become more involved in the City of Asheville and it's operations, specifically as a civilian.

Please describe your ability to listen and consider perspectives that are different from your own.
Being open minded, a good listener, and a critical thinker are all traits that I have developed and honed during my 20 years of higher education, both as a student and as a faculty member. As such, I listen to all perspectives and am able to put aside personal ideologies in order to understand multiple perspectives.

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that exist or may arise during your service on the board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If yes, please explain.
No.

What is your geographic area/neighborhood of residency?
Central (28801)

Which best describes your current housing?
Homeowner

What is your age?
55-64

What is your racial or ethnic identity?
White/Non-Hispanic

What language(s) is/are spoken at your home? Please check all that apply or use "other" to describe.
English

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Do you have a preferred name?
Steve

What is your gender identity?
(Non-trans) Man

What pronouns do you use?
He/Him/His

What is your sexual orientation?
Heterosexual

What is your employment status?
Employed, full-time

What is your yearly household income or salary?
$50,000 to $125,000

What is your primary mode of transportation?
Car

Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability or do you have a disability?
REDACTED

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Michael Edward Pesant

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Application Date	8/7/2026
Expiration Date	8/7/2027
Board Member	**Michael Edward Pesant**
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Board	Vacancies	Status
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board	0	Pending

Basic Information

Name
Michael Edward Pesant

Contact Information

Address
Asheville, NC 28803

Email
REDACTED

Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer
North Carolina Department of Commerce

Job Title
Program Manager

How did you hear about the opening?
City Staff employee

Are you a City of Asheville resident?
Yes

List any special qualifications and or experiences you have for service on this board. (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
Graduate degrees in business administration and social work; state licensure in clinical social work and addictions counseling; deep understanding of community need from a medical and business perspective; service experience in city/county boards and nonprofit board leadership

What do you think will be your best contribution to the board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
Bridging substance use/social service knowledge with economic development experience

What would you like to achieve if appointed to this board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
Steward resources to support our entire city

Please describe your ability to listen and consider perspectives that are different from your own.
I'm a trained and licensed therapist with deep experience and training on listening skills, I work across cultural and political divides often, working to establish common goals

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that exist or may arise during your service on the board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If yes, please explain.
No

What is your geographic area/neighborhood of residency?
South Asheville (28803 or 28704)

Which best describes your current housing?
Homeowner

What is your age?
35-54

What is your racial or ethnic identity?
Hispanic or Latinx

What language(s) is/are spoken at your home? Please check all that apply or use "other" to describe.
English, Spanish

Do you have a preferred name?
Mike

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What is your gender identity?
(Non-trans) Man

What pronouns do you use?
He/Him/His

What is your sexual orientation?
Heterosexual

What is your employment status?
Employed, full-time

What is your yearly household income or salary?
More than $125,000

What is your primary mode of transportation?
Car

Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability or do you have a disability?
REDACTED

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Michael Pesant, MSW, MBA

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LinkedIn • Asheville, NC 28803

Justice Systems Implementation & Behavioral Health Leader
Technical Assistance | Evidence-Based Practice | Systems Change | Behavioral Health & Reentry

Justice systems and behavioral health leader with 15+ years of experience helping public agencies, nonprofits, and community organizations implement evidence-informed strategies that improve outcomes for people involved in behavioral health and criminal legal systems. Experienced leading technical assistance, stakeholder engagement, program implementation, implementation science, and organizational change initiatives across local government, philanthropy, healthcare, and state systems.

Core Areas of Expertise

- Technical Assistance & Implementation Support
- Behavioral Health & Justice Integration
- Pretrial Diversion & Reentry
- Stakeholder Facilitation & Partnership Development
- Organizational & Systems Change
- Program Evaluation & Performance Measurement
- Community Engagement & Equity
- Strategic Planning & Project Management

Career Experience

North Carolina Department of Commerce
June 2025 — Present

Program Manager, Disaster Recovery (Time-Limited Appointment)

Leading design and implementation of a statewide disaster recovery grant program supporting communities affected by Hurricane Helene. Coordinated federal, state, local, nonprofit, and private-sector partners to align funding, strategy, and implementation across complex recovery initiatives. Designed eligibility, application, underwriting, and grant review processes for a multi-million-dollar federally funded initiative and convened stakeholders across government, philanthropy, higher education, economic development, and community organizations.

Council of State Governments Justice Center
March 2025 — May 2025

Deputy Director, Behavioral Health

Provided national technical assistance and implementation support to state and local justice systems seeking to improve behavioral health outcomes and expand evidence-based practices. Collaborated with government agencies, behavioral health providers, and community stakeholders to support systems transformation, stakeholder engagement, and implementation planning across multiple jurisdictions. Contributed subject matter expertise at the intersection of behavioral health and the criminal legal system. Position concluded following federal budget reductions that resulted in the cancellation of supporting contracts.

Dogwood Health Trust, Asheville, NC
Program Officer, Behavioral Health

Sep 2021 — March 2025

Led regional systems-change initiatives at the intersection of behavioral health, substance use, recovery, and justice systems across Western North Carolina. Designed and implemented cross-sector strategies that aligned healthcare systems, local governments, justice agencies, recovery organizations, and community partners to improve outcomes for individuals with behavioral health and substance use needs.

- Designed and implemented the Recovery-Oriented Justice Systems Planning Portfolio, supporting 11 counties in developing and implementing local strategies that integrated recovery supports, behavioral health treatment, and justice system reform.
- Led regional expansion of jail-based medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) programs, supporting implementation efforts that increased access to evidence-based treatment within local detention facilities.
- Facilitated integration of federally qualified health centers, certified community behavioral health clinics, treatment providers, recovery community organizations, peer support services, and recovery ecosystem partners into local justice settings to improve continuity of care and reentry outcomes.
- Convened sheriffs, county leaders, behavioral health providers, treatment organizations, recovery community organizations, and state partners to develop shared strategies addressing substance use, recovery, and justice system challenges.
- Provided technical assistance and implementation support to nonprofit, governmental, and community leaders regarding sustainability, systems change, partnership development, and funding alignment.
- Leveraged more than $25 million in philanthropic investments to support behavioral health, recovery, justice, and community-based implementation initiatives across Western North Carolina.

Buncombe County/RHA
Program Manager, Justice Services

Jan 2020 — Sep 2021

Managed multidisciplinary initiatives at the intersection of behavioral health, substance use, public safety, and community services.

- Designed and implemented pretrial diversion and recovery-oriented justice initiatives that expanded access to behavioral health and substance use treatment for justice-involved individuals
- Facilitated cross-sector partnerships involving courts, treatment providers, law enforcement, healthcare systems, and community organizations.
- Supported implementation of evidence-based approaches to diversion, treatment engagement, and reentry.
- Supervised staff and managed complex community-based service delivery initiatives
- Adapted service delivery models during COVID-19 to maintain continuity of care for vulnerable populations

Mission Hospital
Coordinator of Behavioral Health

Aug 2015 — Jan 2020

Led development and expansion of behavioral health services within a multidisciplinary healthcare setting serving children, families, and individuals with complex needs.

- Developed one of North Carolina's first multidisciplinary Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders clinics, integrating behavioral health services within medical genetics and pediatric specialty care.
- Coordinated behavioral health assessment, treatment planning, and family support services
- Integrated behavioral health services across medical and clinical care teams
- Expanded access to specialized care for children and families facing developmental and behavioral health challenges
- Recognized as a top performer within the Mission Health system

Additional Justice, Evaluation, & Research Experience

Evaluation Coordinator, The Evaluation Group (Columbia, SC) 2009-2011

- Led end-to-end evaluation activities for multiple federally funded initiatives, including evaluation design, data collection, statistical analysis, reporting, and dissemination of findings for multimillion-dollar grant programs.
- Conducted quantitative and qualitative analyses using SPSS, SAS, and R, translating complex findings into actionable recommendations for public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and funding partners.
- Developed performance measures, evaluation frameworks, and outcome reporting systems to assess program effectiveness and support continuous quality improvement.
- Prepared evaluation reports and presentations for federal, state, and local stakeholders, supporting evidence-based decision-making and program implementation.

Mitigation Specialist, Death Penalty Resource Center (Columbia, SC) 2008-2010

- Conducted research examining the prevalence of serious mental illness among individuals on South Carolina's death row, authoring a white paper that informed advocacy and policy discussions regarding mental illness and capital punishment.
- Performed mitigation research and case analysis supporting capital defense teams, including the review of clinical, educational, social service, and correctional records.
- Investigated psychosocial, behavioral health, and developmental factors relevant to capital cases, contributing to individualized mitigation strategies and case preparation.
- Synthesized complex legal, clinical, and historical information into written products for attorneys, advocates, and policymakers.

Supervising Therapist, CRC Health (Asheville, NC) 2012-2015

- Supervised treatment services for adolescents experiencing behavioral health and substance use challenges
- Supported multidisciplinary teams delivering evidence-based interventions

Education/Licensure

Master of Business Administration (MBA), Business Administration
East Carolina University

Master of Social Work (MSW), Social Work
The University of South Carolina

Bachelor of Arts (BA), Psychology
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Appalachian Leadership Institute Fellow
Appalachian Regional Commission

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
State of North Carolina

Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS)
State of North Carolina

Board Leadership & Community Engagement

Operation Gateway, Board Member & Strategic Advisor

Community Alliance for Recovery Empowerment, Founder, Board Chair & Strategic Advisor

All Souls Counseling Center, Board Member

City of Asheville Affordable Housing Action Committee, Member

Buncombe County Isaac Coleman Economic Development Grant Committee, Member

Buncombe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council , Member

Publications, Presentations, & Recognition

- Pesant, M., Shatzkes, K., & Shukla, S.(2023). Partnering to create 'hub-and-spoke' system for opioid use disorder treatment in North Carolina. Presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Pesant, M.E.(2023). Substance Use Disorder: Reentry Strategies. Presented at the Appalachian Funders Network Conference, Asheville, NC.
- Hendricks, A. & Pesant, M(2018). FASD: A Guide for Families. Published by Fullerton Genetics Center
- Andrews, A.B. & Pesant, M.E.(2009). Dangers in utero: from alcohol and neurotoxins to medical treatment and transfusions. Presented at the National Seminar on Development and Integration of Mitigation Evidence in Capital Cases, Philadelphia, PA.
- Death Penalty Resource Center(2010). Mental disability and death penalty: why South Carolina should ban execution of severely mentally disabled. (Pamphlet).Pesant, M.E. & Paavola, E.: Authors
- Eileen McCaughn Memorial Scholarship
- Marie L. Campbell Mitigation Scholarship
- Merit Recognition: Top 5% Performer across Mission system

August 7, 2026

Dear Selection Committee,

I am excited to submit my application for the Asheville ABC Board. Throughout my career, I have been committed to strengthening Asheville through collaborative leadership, public service, and community-focused initiatives. My professional experience spans substance use disorder policy and programming, nonprofit leadership, and economic development, providing me with a unique perspective on the intersection of public health, economic vitality, and community well-being.

For much of my career, I have worked on issues related to substance use disorder, partnering with local governments, healthcare providers, nonprofits, and community organizations to expand access to prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services. This work has given me firsthand insight into the profound impact that alcohol and substance use can have on individuals, families, and communities, while also reinforcing the importance of thoughtful policy, responsible stewardship, and collaborative problem-solving.

My commitment to Asheville extends beyond my professional roles. Through nonprofit leadership, I have worked alongside community partners to address pressing local challenges, build strategic partnerships, and advance initiatives that improve quality of life for residents. These experiences have strengthened my belief that lasting progress comes from bringing diverse stakeholders together around shared goals and making decisions grounded in transparency, accountability, and service.

In my current role supporting commerce and economic development, I work to strengthen Western North Carolina's economy by fostering business growth, supporting workforce development, and creating opportunities that benefit both employers and communities. This experience has deepened my understanding of responsible fiscal management, public accountability, strategic planning, and balancing economic opportunity with the broader public interest.

I believe these experiences have prepared me to make meaningful contributions to the Asheville ABC Board. I bring a collaborative leadership style, a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing our community, and a strong commitment to ensuring that public resources are managed responsibly while supporting the health, safety, and prosperity of Asheville residents.

Thank you for considering my application. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how my background and commitment to Asheville align with the mission of the Asheville ABC Board. I appreciate your time and consideration and look forward to the opportunity to serve our community in this capacity.

Sincerely,

Mike Pesant

Ms Marilynn D Raynor

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Application Date	9/22/2026
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Board Member	**Marilynn D Raynor**
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Board	Vacancies	Status
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board	0	Pending

Basic Information

Name
Ms Marilynn D Raynor

Contact Information

Address
Asheville, NC 28715

Email
REDACTED

Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer
Target

Job Title
Guest Services

How did you hear about the opening?
City website

Are you a City of Asheville resident?
No

List any special qualifications and or experiences you have for service on this board. (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
Served 3 mos on another Asheville Board

What do you think will be your best contribution to the board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
Listening

What would you like to achieve if appointed to this board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
Perhaps purchasing of alcohol limitations daily.

Please describe your ability to listen and consider perspectives that are different from your own.
Be a small part, but aware.

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that exist or may arise during your service on the board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If yes, please explain.
None I am aware of

What is your geographic area/neighborhood of residency?
West Asheville (28806 or 28728)

Which best describes your current housing?
Renter

What is your age?
65 and Over

What is your racial or ethnic identity?
Other, African American/ Indian

What language(s) is/are spoken at your home? Please check all that apply or use "other" to describe.
English

Do you have a preferred name?
Marilynn

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What is your gender identity?
(Non-trans) Woman

What pronouns do you use?
She/Her/Hers

What is your sexual orientation?
Heterosexual

What is your employment status?
Employed, part-time

What is your yearly household income or salary?
$15,000 to $29,999

What is your primary mode of transportation?
Car

Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability or do you have a disability?
REDACTED

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Andrew Tyson

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Status

Name	Andrew Tyson
Application Date	8/6/2026
Expiration Date	8/6/2027
Board Member	**Andrew McNair Tyson**
Status	Validated BY: ASMITH3@ASHEVILLENC.GOV @8/7/2026 11:51 AM ET

Board	Vacancies	Status
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board	0	Pending

Basic Information

Name
Andrew Tyson

Contact Information

Address
Asheville, NC 28806

Email
REDACTED

Phone
REDACTED

Cell Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer
Tyson Furniture

Job Title
Project Manager

How did you hear about the opening?
City website

Are you a City of Asheville resident?
Yes

List any special qualifications and or experiences you have for service on this board. (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
My experience comes from helping manage a successful, family-owned small business. Because we are a small organization, I've had the opportunity to gain experience across many aspects of the business, including personnel management, customer service, vendor relationships, and day to day operations. This broad experience has taught me how to make thoughtful decisions, communicate effectively and balance competing priorities.

What do you think will be your best contribution to the board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
My greatest contribution would be bringing a practical, business-minded perspective while remaining committed to fairness, transparency, and public safety.

What would you like to achieve if appointed to this board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
If appointed, I would like help continue the ABC board's commitment to integrity and transparency. To also help benefit the Asheville community however we can.

Please describe your ability to listen and consider perspectives that are different from your own.
I feel like throughout my life, one of my strengths has been listening to everyone. Whether I agree with them or not, each individual perspective is valid and should be respected.

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that exist or may arise during your service on the board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If yes, please explain.
N/A

What is your geographic area/neighborhood of residency?
West Asheville (28806 or 28728)

Which best describes your current housing?
Homeowner

What is your age?
25-34

What is your racial or ethnic identity?
White/Non-Hispanic

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What language(s) is/are spoken at your home? Please check all that apply or use "other" to describe.
English

Do you have a preferred name?
Andrew

What is your gender identity?
(Non-trans) Man

What pronouns do you use?
He/Him/His

What is your sexual orientation?
Heterosexual

What is your employment status?
Employed, full-time

What is your yearly household income or salary?
$50,000 to $125,000

What is your primary mode of transportation?
Car

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