Board and Commission Appointments - June 23, 2026

African American Heritage Commission

Vacancy Details

- 1 vacancy, 3-year term
- ShaLinda Pruitt
    - Term to expire 7/1/2026
    - Eligible and not interested in reappointment

Recommendations

- Staff recommends Bobby Smith for appointment. Vice Chair did not provide a recommendation.

Asheville-Buncombe Riverfront Commission

Vacancy Details

- 1 vacancy, 3-year term
    - Must be a Housing Authority resident/staff or voucher recipient who resides in the committee's service area
- Vacant (was Joseph Hackett)
    - Term to expire 12/31/28

Recommendations

- No eligible applications were received by the deadline. The City Clerk’s Office will readvertise.

Board of Electrical Examiners

Vacancy Details

- 1 vacancy, 3-year term
    - Must be a Licensed Architect/Engineer Seat
- Vacant (was Russell Thacher)
    - Term to expire 7/1/2027

Recommendations

- No eligible applications were received by the deadline. The City Clerk’s Office will readvertise.

Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority

Vacancy Details

- 1 vacancy, 3-year term
    - Must be a restaurant owner, owner of a brewery, distillery, or winery open for tours or tastings, or executive director of a ticketed arts organization
- Lucious Wilson
    - Term to expire 8/31/2026
    - Eligible and interested in reappointment

Recommendations

- The TDA board development committee recommends Lucious Wilson for reappointment.
- No eligible applications were received for this seat by the deadline.
- Need a decision from Council whether to reappoint or readvertise.

Design Review Committee

Vacancy Details

- 1 vacancy, 3-year term
    - At-large seat
- Vacant (was Christina Roush)
    - Term to expire 6/30/2027

Recommendations

- Chair believes the board could benefit from more landscape/site expertise, stating that the board has general users and real estate/developer voices. His recommendations, in ranked order, are:
    - Justin Roberto Thorn (landscape, works for CDC)
    - Shawn Patrick Escobar (lots of traffic, civil, site review)
    - Mrs. Kelsey Morrow (planning, form design, etc.)

- Staff agrees with the chair's recommendations, saying it would be appropriate to include another architect on the committee given that the current design guidelines are very focused on building architecture. They also suggest that having at least one female or non-male member on the committee would be an important consideration to show closer representation of City demographics.
    - Suggest adding Emili McMakin, Julie O'Dwyer, and Cecilia Smith to the list of names being considered.

Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority

Vacancy Details

- 1 vacancy, 4-year term
    - Must be a registered voter of the City of Asheville
    - Applicants should have 1) experience in aviation, 2) experience in travel and tourism, 3) experience in one or more of marketing, business development, or economic development, or 4) experience in logistics, construction and/or facilities management, law, accounting and/or finance
- Brad Galbraith
    - Term to expire 7/1/2026
    - Not Eligible for reappointment

Recommendations

- Staff and chair recommend Dr. Shantelle Simpson for appointment.

Historic Resources Commission

Vacancy Details

- 3 vacancies, 3-year term
    - Must be a City resident
- Vacant (was Amy Gharst)
    - Term to expire 7/1/2028
- Leslie Humphrey
    - Term to expire 7/1/2026
    - Eligible and interested in reappointment
- Will Hornaday
    - Term to expire 7/1/2026
    - Ineligible for reappointment

Recommendations

- Chair and staff recommend Leslie Humphrey for reappointment and recommend Antonio Prieto, Jane Mathews, and Richard Mattson equally for the other two vacancies.

Neighborhood Advisory Committee

Vacancy Details

- 1 vacancy, 3-year term
    - Must be a City resident or reside within one mile of City limits
    - At-large Seat
- Vacant (was Dane Barrager)

        - Term to expire 7/1/2026

Recommendations

- Chair and Vice Chair declined to issue any recommendations, citing the fact that the board is not meeting regularly and they have not yet had the chance to onboard the previous round of newly appointed members. They do not recommend that Council appoint another member at this time.

- Notes about applicants:
    - Allison Ives and Rose Forbes live within one mile of City limits, and are thus eligible for appointment.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Vacancy Details

- 3 vacancies, 3-year term
    - Must be a City resident
- Jane Bell
    - Term to expire 8/14/2026
    - Eligible and interested in reappointment
- Jonathan Anzollitto
    - Term to expire 8/14/2026
    - Eligible and interested in reappointment
- Lindsay Broughel
    - Term to expire 8/14/2026
    - Eligible and interested in reappointment

Recommendations

- Chair and staff recommend Jonathan Anzollitto, Jane Bell, and Lindsay Broughel for reappointment.
- Need a decision from Council to reappoint or conduct interviews for new members.