



CITY COUNCIL

Nominations and Appointments

Committee

Monday, March 1, 2021
4:00 pm

The Nominations and Appointments Committee will meet as needed to address nominations and appointments to the City's boards, authorities and commissions.

Due to the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration, the public is prohibited from attending the meeting. Public comment will only be accepted in writing through an email to michelle.smith@readingpa.gov. Public comment must be submitted by 3:00 pm on day of the meeting to allow time to print and distribute the comment submitted. The comment received will be read into the record. Those wishing to make comment at the meeting must register prior to the start of the meeting.

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I. Interview

4:00 – Steven Belinski – reappointment – Housing Authority

II. Appointment Recommendation

III. Agreement of Responsibility – see page 4

III. Background Clearance Update – see page 11

IV. Review Pending Applications Memo (see page 5), **BAC Openings** (see page 7) & **Board, Authority, Commission Membership**

Reading Housing Authority (RHA) Facts

The Reading Housing Authority (RHA) is a public housing agency that is organized under the laws of Pennsylvania, and whose primary contract is with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The agency was organized in 1939 under the U.S. Housing Act in order to meet the housing needs of residents of the City of Reading, many of whom who could not otherwise afford housing that was decent and safe. The agency continues to seek that end today, by offering quality, affordable housing options and opportunities for the families that are served

The agency operates several different programs in order to meet its goals. Affordable rents for income-eligible individuals and families are found in the agency's 1600 public housing apartments and townhouses that are located in 8 different developments throughout the City of Reading. Through the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program, more than 600 city residents are assisted in paying their rent to private landlords. In our two privately owned (non-'subsidized') locations, townhouses are available for those with moderate incomes.

Through on-site maintenance and management of its public housing programs, the 'landlord' functions of RHA are vastly important. The agency ensures the decency of its properties by enforcing rules that support the well-being of the high-rise or development. Routine maintenance assures that properties are clean and well kept, and modernization is ongoing. Attention to security is featured at each location. Services are provided at each development to promote residents' self-sufficiency goals, and formal partnerships are established between the agency and its residents groups to ensure that participant input is included in all operations.

RHA Questions for New Applicants

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Housing Authority?
2. What is the purpose of Housing Authority?
3. The Housing Authority currently meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Will you be able to regularly attend those meetings?
4. Do you have experience with public housing?

RHA Questions for Reappointments

1. Are you able to regularly attend meetings?
2. What does the Housing Authority do well?
3. In what areas or ways does Housing Authority need to improve?
4. Are there any issues that the City could assist with?
5. In what ways could the Housing Authority improve the way it operates?

Boards, Authorities & Commissions Agreement of Responsibility

I, _____, recognizing the important responsibility I am undertaking in serving as a member of the City of Reading _____, hereby personally pledge to carry out in a trustworthy, professional and diligent manner all the duties and obligations inherent in my role as a City-appointed volunteer.

My Commitment:

I will exercise the duties and responsibilities of this office with integrity, patience and diligence at all times.

My Role:

I acknowledge that my role as a member is to (1) contribute to defining the organization's mission and governing the fulfillment of that mission, and (2) carry out the functions of volunteer member and/or officer as specified in the organization's by-laws and policies.

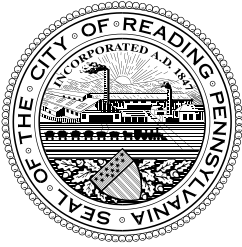
My role as a member will focus on the development of broad policies that govern the implementation of the institutional plans and policy. This role is separate and distinct from the role of the Administrative director or staff, to whom is delegated the responsibility of determining the means of implementing the policies determined by the board, authority, commission, or Institution.

I Pledge:

- 1) To establish as a high priority my attendance at all meetings of the board, committee or authority on which I serve.
- 2) To come prepared to contribute to the discussion of issues and business to be addressed at scheduled meetings, having read the agenda and all pertinent background support material.
- 3) To represent the City of Reading and the board, authority or commission on which I serve in a positive and professional manner at all times and in all places.
- 4) To support in a positive and respectful manner all actions taken by the board, authority or commission at all times and in all places.
- 5) To refrain from intruding in administrative issues that are the purview of management or government officials, except to monitor the results and prohibit methods not in congruity with the function and business of the board, commission or authority on which I serve.
- 6) To conduct myself in an appropriate and professional manner at all official meetings and functions of the board, authority or commission on which I serve.

Signed: _____

Date: _____



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Nominations and Appointments Committee
FROM: Shelly Smith, Deputy City Clerk
DATE: March 1, 2021
SUBJECT: Pending Applications

The following persons have applications for Boards, Authorities, and Commissions pending:

Recreation Commission - *2 open seats (2 citizen members)*

- Deja Harris - appointment - additional clearances needed
- Ryan Yanchocik - appointment - additional clearances submitted - **sent to Mayor Feb 2021**
- Don Taddei - reappointment - additional clearances needed
- Mark Falter Jr - appointment - additional clearances submitted - **sent to Mayor Feb 2021**

Citizens Initiative Commission - *11 open seats (1 per Council District; 3 at large)*

- **Tonya Butler** - appointment - has Mayoral approval

Youth Commission - *15 open seats (2 per Council District as recommended by District Councilor; 3 at large as recommended by Mayor)*

- Kylie Shapiro - appointment - District 1 - interviewed 9/21/20
- **Stefanie De la Cruz** - appointment - District 1
- **Wilma Victoriano** - appointment - District 2 - interviewed 9/21/20

- **Jonny Divison Martinez** – appointment - District 3 – interviewed 9/22/20
- **Stephany Goico** – appointment - District 3
- **Brandom Hernandez Ruiz** – appointment - District 4 – interviewed 9/21/20
- **Wesley Butler** – appointment - District 4 – interviewed 9/22/20
- **Wynton Butler II** – appointment - District 4 – interviewed 9/22/20
- **Elise Jackson** – appointment – District 4 - Mayor
- **Fabiola Flores-Queriapa** – appointment – District 5
- **Saoni Segura** – appointment – District 5
- **Morgan Hutchinson** – appointment - District 5 – Mayor
- **Genesis Munoz Arias** – appointment - District 6 – interviewed 9/22/20
- **Jose Tineo** – District 6 – appointment - interviewed 9/22/20

Reading Housing Authority – *1 expired term; 1 open seat (5 members)*

- **Steven Belinski** – reappointment – has Mayoral approval

Library Board – *1 expired term (5 members appointed by City)*

- **Michel Micozzi** – reappointment – sent to Mayor Jan 2021

Board of Ethics – *1 expired term (5 members)*

- **Joseph Amprey** – reappointment

Environmental Advisory Council – *2 expired terms; 2 open seats (7 members)*

- **Ann Sellers** – reappointment – sent to Mayor Jan 2021
- **Ralph Johnson** – appointment – sent to Mayor Feb 2021
- **Bryan Haag** – appointment – sent to Mayor Feb 2021

Blighted Property Review Committee – *1 open seat (7 members)*

- **Cristobal Arroyo** – appointment – sent to Mayor Feb 2021

<p>BOARDS, AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS</p> <p>OPEN SEATS</p>
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MARCH 1, 2021

Board, Authority & Commission	Mayor appointment w/ Council approval	Mayor appointment	Council appointment
BOARDS			
Electrician's Examining Board Must be master Electrician	Board full		
Plumbing Board of Examiners Must be master Plumber	3 openings		
Reading HVAC Board Must have master license	6 openings		
Zoning Hearing Board			2 alternate openings
Police Civil Service Board			Board full
Fire Civil Service Board			1 opening
Board of Historical Architectural Review			5 openings Realtor & Historic District Openings & Trades Professional
Board of Trustees of the Reading Public Library			1 City opening 1 application pending
Board of Health	1 opening – Environmental Health		

	2 alternate openings		
Board of Ethics	1 opening		
	1 application pending		
Building/Fire Code Board of Appeals	3 openings		
	2 alternate openings		
	Bldg/Trade experience		
Animal Control Board			
	3 openings		
Charter Board			
	1 opening		
Code & License Appeals Board		1 opening	
		1 alternate opening	2 alternate openings
Diversity Board			1 opening - NAACP rep
Pagoda Foundation		Mayoral Appointments filled	2 openings
Conversion Therapy Mental Health Services Appeals Board	3 openings		

AUTHORITIES			
Reading Area Water Authority			Board full
Reading Redevelopment Authority		Board full	
Reading Housing Authority	2 openings		
	1 application pending		
Reading Parking Authority		Board full	
Convention Center Authority			City positions full
COMMISSIONS			
Planning Commission	Board Full		
Shade Tree Commission	1 opening		
Stadium Commission	Board Full		
Reading Human Relations Commission		2 openings	
Blighted Property Review Committee	1 opening		
	1 application pending		

Environmental Advisory Council			4 openings
			3 applications pending
Recreation Commission			
	2 City openings		
	3 applications pending		
Audit Committee			
			Board full
Citizens Initiative Commission			
		3 openings	6 openings – 1 per City Council District
			1 application pending
Youth Commission		3 openings	12 openings – 2 per City Council District
		3 applications pending	12 applications pending
Downtown Revitalization P3		Positions full	1 alternate opening

Name	BAC	Clearances Received
Kylie Shapiro	Youth Commission	
Stefanie De la Cruz	Youth Commission	
Stephany Goico	Youth Commission	
Brandom Hernandez Ruiz	Youth Commission	Received
Wesley Butler	Youth Commission	Received
Wynton Butler II	Youth Commission	Received
Elise Jackson	Youth Commission	
Fabiola Flores Queriapa	Youth Commission	
Saoni Segura	Youth Commission	Received
Genesis Munoz Arias	Youth Commission	Received
Jose Tineo	Youth Commission	Received
John Zabala	Youth Commission moderator	
Deja Harris	Recreation Commission	
Michel Micozzi	Library Board	Received
Ryan Yanchocik	Recreation Commission	Received
Don Taddei	Recreation Commission	
Mark Falter	Recreation Commission	Received

*Note – In order to convene the Youth Commission, clearances are needed from 8 applicants and the moderator.