

CITY COUNCIL

Nominations and Appointments

Committee

Monday, October 17, 2022
4:00 pm
Virtual Meeting

The Nominations and Appointments Committee meets to address nominations and appointments to the City's boards, authorities and commissions.

Due to COVID-19, meetings are being held virtually. No public comment is permitted during Committee meetings.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 419 292 6522

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I. Interviews

4:00 - Cathy Curran-Myers - reappointment - Environmental Advisory Council

4:15 - Stephan Thompson - appointment - Environmental Advisory Council

II. Appointment Recommendations

III. Review Pending Applications Memo (see page 4), BAC Openings (see page 6) & Board, Authority, Commission Membership

IV. Review list of non-residents serving on BACs and positions that are difficult to fill (see page 10)

**V. Diversity Training for Board, Authority and Commission members
- provide feedback**

VI. Adjourn

Reading Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) Facts

The EAC was formed by Bill No. 25-2007 to study environmental and sustainability issues at the request of City Council and make recommendations to Council on those issues. The EAC will work with City Council in an advisory capacity in an effort to help Council analyze environmental and sustainability issues and, when appropriate, issue recommendations on courses of action necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Berks County.

The EAC may advise and make recommendations to City Council, City Administration, and City boards, authorities and commissions on policies and programs that infuse the work of City government with an operating philosophy based on environmental protection and sustainability, make recommendations as to the possible use of open land areas within the City of Reading, and promote community environmental awareness programs.

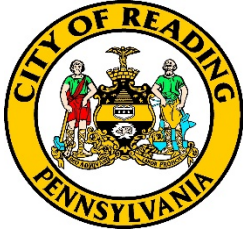
EAC Questions for New Applicants

1. What is the purpose of the EAC?
2. The EAC currently meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at noon. Will you be able to regularly attend those meetings?
3. Why are you interested in serving on the EAC?
4. What environmental issues would you like to have addressed?
5. Do you have experience with environmental issues or projects?

EAC Questions for Reappointments

1. Are you able to regularly attend meetings?
2. What does the EAC do well?
3. In what areas or ways does the EAC need to improve?
4. Are there any issues that the City could assist with?
5. Describe an initiative the EAC has worked on within the past year.
6. In what ways could the EAC improve the way it operates?

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TO: Nominations and Appointments Committee
FROM: Shelly Smith, Deputy City Clerk
DATE: October 17, 2022
SUBJECT: Pending Applications

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

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

- **Tonya Butler** – appointment – District 4 - has Mayoral approval

Planning Commission – 2 term expirations, 1 open seat (7 members)

- **Ann Woodward** – appointment – sent to Mayor Jan 2022
- **Wayne Bealer** – reappointment – sent to Mayor March 2022

Environmental Advisory Council – 2 term expirations, 2 open seats (7 members)

- **Stephan Thompson** – appointment – has Mayoral approval
- **James Cole** – appointment – sent to Mayor September 2022
- **Cathy Myers** – reappointment – has Mayoral approval
- **William Vitale** – reappointment – sent to Mayor September 2022

Conversion Therapy Mental Health Services Board – 3 open seats (5 members, 3 residents)

- **Jordan Henning** – appointment – sent to Mayor August 2022

Shade Tree Commission – 1 open seat, 2 term expirations (5 members)

- **Thomas Ryan** – reappointment – has Mayoral approval

Electrical Examining Board – 1 open seat (7 members)

- **Jeffrey Hartman** – appointment – sent to Mayor September 2022
- **Ed Bernitsky** – appointment – sent to Mayor September 2022
- **Bryan Anderson** – appointment – sent to Mayor September 2022

Charter Board – 2 open seats (5 members)

- **Stephen Yarnell** – appointment – sent to Mayor August 2022

Pagoda Foundation – 2 Council appointments (13 members)

- **Jon Jordan** – appointment

BOARDS, AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS
OPEN SEATS

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Board, Authority & Commission	Mayor appointment w/ Council approval	Mayor appointment	Council appointment
BOARDS			
Electrician's Examining Board Must be master Electrician	1 opening		
	3 applications pending		
Plumbing Board of Examiners Must be master Plumber	2 openings		
Reading HVAC Board Must have master license	4 openings		
Zoning Hearing Board			1 alternate opening
Police Civil Service Board			Board full
Fire Civil Service Board			1 opening
Board of Historical Architectural Review			4 openings
			Historic District Openings
			& Trades Professional

Board of Trustees of the Reading Public Library			
			City positions filled
Board of Health	1 alternate opening		
Board of Ethics	2 openings		
Building/Fire Code Board of Appeals	1 alternate opening		
Animal Control Board			
	2 openings		
Charter Board			
	2 openings		
	1 application pending		
Code & License Appeals Board		1 opening	
		1 alternate opening	2 alternate openings
Equal Business Opportunity Advisory Board			
	3 openings – minority bus – owner; procurement professional, resident		
Diversity Board			
			Board full
Pagoda Foundation			
		Mayoral Appointments filled	2 openings
			1 application pending

Conversion Therapy Mental Health Services Appeals Board	3 openings		
	1 application pending		

AUTHORITIES			
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Reading Area Water Authority			
			Board full
Reading Redevelopment Authority			
			1 opening
Reading Housing Authority	Board full		
Reading Parking Authority		1 opening	
Convention Center Authority			City positions filled

COMMISSIONS			
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Planning Commission			
	3 openings		
	2 applications pending		
Shade Tree Commission			
	3 openings		
	1 application pending		
Stadium Commission	Board full		
Reading Human Relations Commission		1 opening	

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

Non-Residents Serving on BACs

Charter Section 1002 C Qualifications provides that as a general rule, members of boards and commissions shall be residents of the City. At the discretion of Council, persons not residents of the City, but who have a significant property or business interest in the City, may be selected to serve. No person may concurrently serve on more than one authority, board, or commission.

BAC	Name	Number of Board Members	Reason
Electrical Examining Board	Todd Rathman Tim Pelter Geoffrey Litwin Mark Pinkasavage Tim Waldman Terry Withers	7	Master Electrical License required
Plumbing Board	Barry Unger Donald Snyder Robert Fegley Brian Miller Frank Forster	7	Master Plumbing License required
HVAC Board	Dale Eisenhofer Craig Weisman Steven Symons Tim Strunk Chad Milligan	9	Master Mechanical License required
Zoning Hearing Board	Jared Barcz, construction professional	5 + 2 alternates	
Fire Civil Service Board	Craig Breneiser	3	

	Michael Leifer, business owner		
HARB	vacant	9	trade professional
Library Board	Dennis Skayhan, ADA Sal Sepulveda, RSD elementary principal Michel Micozzi Patty Bell	5 City appointments; 15 members	
Board of Health	Lynanne Bohn, former City Health Insp Mary Kelleher, Berks Community Health Center	5 + 2 alternates	code related environmental health infectious disease physician
Building / Fire Code Board of Appeals	Michael Kautter Tom Lynam Dennis Baver Scott Graham Tim Waldman	5 + 2 alternates	trades and fire system professionals
Animal Control Board	vacant Harry Brown, extensive animal enforcement experience	7	veteranarian
Equal Business Opportunity Advisory Bd	vacant William Dorward vacant vacant	5	minority business owner building trades council member chamber member procurement professional
Conversion Therapy Mental Health Advisory Board	vacant	5	licensed mental health professional

RAWA	Richard Carpenter Jamal Abodalo Philip Dougherty	7	Authorities Act allows non-resident participation where community is serviced by RAWA
Parking Authority	Julia Domena Tim Profit	5	Majority must be residents of the municipality; all must be residents of the County
Planning Commission	Robert Conklin, Architect	7	MPC requires residency. The governing body may appoint at least one but no more than three residents to serve as alternates May be removed for malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance in office or for other just cause by a majority vote of the governing body after the member has received 15 days' advance notice of the intent to take a vote
Audit Committee	Sandy Graffius, County Controller	1 resident	