



Legislation Text

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Reappointments to the Planning Board

PURPOSE: This agenda item is for Council to make reappointments to the Planning Board. This does not include any new appointments.

DEPARTMENT: Town Clerk

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COUNCIL DIRECTION:

☐ Race/Equity ☐ Climate ☐ Comprehensive Plan ☒ Other

The Town Council follows the Advisory Board Recruitment and Appointment Policy which was adopted on 11-21-2017. Amendments to this policy were approved by the Town Council on 12-1-2020 and 4-13-2021, respectively, to the section entitled “Composition” which related to expanding the racial and ethnic diversity on advisory boards and commissions. The Advisory Board Recruitment and Appointment Policy has been evaluated using the Racial Equity Lens tool which was finalized in May 2023. A copy of the completed lens is attached as Attachment D.

INFORMATION: The Planning Board consists of eleven (11) members:

- Nine (9) members, appointed by the Town Council, shall reside within the town.
- One (1) member, appointed by the Orange County Board of Commissioners, shall reside within the town’s extraterritorial planning area.
- One (1) member, appointed by the Orange County Board of Commissioners, shall reside within the town’s joint planning transition area.

Three members are seeking reappointment.

Bruce Sinclair, serving in an In-Town seat, has completed one partial term and one full term and is eligible for reappointment. Bruce is a 30-year resident of Carrboro and has served on many boards including the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB). Mr. Sinclair understands how day-to-day decisions affect the future lives of Carrboro residents. Mr. Sinclair has expressed interest in being reappointed to a second term.

Rachel Gaylord-Miles, serving in an In-Town seat, has completed one partial term and two full terms and is requesting to be reappointed to a third term. Rachel has recently been elected chair of the Planning Board by her peers to provide continuity and relevant expertise as a transportation planner to the group. Ms. Gaylord-Miles is a 10-year resident of Carrboro and served on the comprehensive plan task force as a representative of the Planning Board.

Braxton Foushee, serving in an In-Town seat, has served two full terms as chair and is requesting to be

reappointed to a third term to ensure diversity and historical knowledge is maintained on the Planning Board. Mr. Foushee has lived in Carrboro for over 40 years and is pillar of the community. The knowledge and experience he brings to the Planning Board is invaluable.

Applications and chair forms for reappointment are included as Attachment B. Of note, all three members have maintained good attendance.

A matrix is included as Attachment C.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Council reappoint Bruce Sinclair for a second term, Rachel Gaylord-Miles for a third term, and Braxton Foushee for a third term.