



## Legislation Text

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### Appointment to the Racial Equity Commission

**PURPOSE:** This item is to make an appointment to the Racial Equity Commission.

**DEPARTMENT:** Town Clerk

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Wendy Welsh, Interim Town Clerk, 919-918-7310, [wwelsh@carrboronc.gov](mailto:wwelsh@carrboronc.gov)

**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. Text 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. It should be noted that 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 this completed lens is attached here as Attachment D.

**INFORMATION:** The Racial Equity Commission is composed of nine members (residents of the Town) appointed by Town Council which includes the following:

- One (1) voting liaison member shall be selected from the Affordable Housing Advisory Commission
- One (1) voting liaison member shall be selected from the Environmental Advisory Board
- One (1) voting liaison member shall be selected from the Economic Sustainability Commission
- One (1) voting liaison member shall be selected from the Carrboro Farmer's Market Board or BIPOC business owner
- Two (2) voting members shall have lived in the Town for at least twenty (20) years and be people of color
- Two (2) voting members shall have lived in the Town for at least ten (10) years and be people of color
- One (1) voting member shall be a youth member

Additionally, one non-voting, liaison member shall be the Town's Race & Equity Officer and two non-voting, liaison members shall be selected from the membership of the Town Council.

Racial equity Commission member Liz Carter's first full term is up for renewal, and she has indicated her interest in being reappointed for another term.

Carrboro Town Code, Chapter 3, Section 3-46 (c) states “Commission members will serve two-year terms, with an option to serve for two sequential terms.”

[<https://www.carrboronc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/99/Chapter-3---Administration-PDF?bidId=>](https://www.carrboronc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/99/Chapter-3---Administration-PDF?bidId=>)

Liz Carter's application is included as Attachment B.

A current information matrix of the Racial Equity Commission is included as Attachment C, and the Racial Equity Lens for Advisory Boards and Commissions is Attachment D.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that Town Council appoint Liz Carter to another two-year term to the Racial Equity Commission (Attachment A).