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Appointments to Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this agenda item is for the Town Council to make appointments to the Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee.

**DEPARTMENT:** Town Clerk

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**COUNCIL DIRECTION:**

Race/Equity  Climate  Comprehensive Plan  Other

Advisory Board appointments follows the Town’s Advisory Board Recruitment and Appointment Policy originally adopted by Council on 11-21-2017 and most recently revised on 3-16-2021.

<https://www.carrboronc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5358/Town-of-Carrboro-Advisory-Board-Recruitment-and-Appointment-Policy> This Advisory Board Recruitment and Appointment Policy is currently being evaluated using the Racial Equity Lens tool. The Council is scheduled to hold a work session on 3-14-2023 to discuss advisory boards and commissions in a broader scope, which will also include the Town’s Equity Tools pocket questions.

**INFORMATION:** The Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee consists of 5 members; 3 appointed by the Town of Carrboro and Orange County Board of Commissioners, and 2 appointed by the Town Council. All members shall be residents of the unannexed portions of the Northern Study Area.

The Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee (NTAAC) currently has two seats available for appointment. Two expiring seats that are eligible for reappointment are currently filled by Meg McGurk and Edward Witkin, who have both indicated they would like to be reappointed to the NTAAC. It should be noted that Meg McGurk was first appointed in 2018 to fill an unexpired term through 2020. In 2020, she was then reappointed for a first full-term (three years). She would still be eligible for to serve because this pending reappointment would be her second full-term (three years).

Edward Witkin currently serves as one of the Orange County representative seats of the NTAAC. Mr. Witkin was first recommended to be appointed by Carrboro Town Council, and subsequently appointed, by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) in 2020 for a first full-term (three years). He was contacted by the county clerk’s office on his interest in reappointment to another term and confirmed interest to both the county and town clerks on February 6, 2023. If recommended for reappointment to the Orange County BOCC, this would be his second full-term (three years). There are currently no other pending applicants for the NTAAC.

Information on these two members is included as Attachment B.

A matrix of NTAAC is included as Attachment C.

**FISCAL IMPACT: N/A**

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Town Council reappoint Meg McGurk to the NTAAC for a second full-term, and to recommend Edward Witkin for reappointment to the Orange County BOCC for a second-full term. (Attachment A)