



## Legislation Text

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### Appointment to the Racial Equity Commission

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this item is to make an appointment to the Racial Equity Commission.

**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. 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 is currently being evaluated using the Racial Equity Lens tool.

**INFORMATION:** The Racial Equity Commission is composed of 9 members (residents of the Town) appointed by Town Council which includes the following:

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

Additionally, 1 non-voting, liaison member shall be the Town's Race & Equity Officer and 2 non-voting, liaison members shall be selected from the membership of the Town Council.

Racial equity Commission member Donald Hawkins first full term is up for renewal, and he has indicated his 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=>>

Donald Hawkins application is included as Attachment B.

A current information matrix of the Racial Equity Commission is included as Attachment C, and pocket

questions for general advisory board appointments are included as Attachment D.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** N/A

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