



Legislation Text

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Appointment of Economic Sustainability Commission Member to Racial Equity Commission

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to request that the Town Council appoint a representative from the Economic Sustainability Commission (ESC) to serve as a voting liaison member of the Racial Equity Commission.

DEPARTMENT: Town Clerk and Economic Development

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COUNCIL DIRECTION:

☒ Race/Equity ☐ Climate ☐ Comprehensive Plan ☒ Other

Advisory Board appointments follow the Town's Advisory Board Recruitment and Appointment Policy originally adopted by the Town 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 Racial Equity Lens has been completed by staff and is currently being evaluated by the CORE team and will soon be reviewed by the Racial Equity Commission. The Town Council will consider revisions to this policy at a Council meeting in May 2023.

INFORMATION: The Racial Equity Commission is composed of nine members appointed by the Town Council:

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

- All 9 members shall be residents of the Town

Economic Sustainability Commission (ESC) member Jim Porto was the former appointee to the Racial Equity Commission, who was appointed by Town Council on September 13, 2022, but had agreed to serve as the appointee temporarily until more ESC members were appointed by Council.

At the April 12, 2023 Economic Sustainability Commission (ESC) meeting, the ESC members were in consensus that ESC member Courtney McWilliams would represent the ESC on the Racial Equity Commission, pending Council approval. Ms. Williams has served on the ESC since October 2022.

The appointment by Council would formally remove Jim Porto and appoint Courtney McWilliams as the ESC representative to the Racial Equity Commission as a voting liaison member.

Ms. McWilliams ESC application is included as Attachment B.

A current matrix of the Racial Equity Commission is included as Attachment C.

Pocket questions are included as Attachment D.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Town Council approve the resolution (Attachment A) and appoint Courtney McWilliams to serve on the Racial Equity Commission as the representative of the ESC.