

Board, Committee, and Commission Application

Profile

Taylor

First Name

Johnson

Last Name

Preferred Pronouns

☒ He, him, his

Email Address

Committee Stipend Program - *Members Receive a Stipend of \$40 per Meeting Attended*

Upon appointment to a committee, you are automatically enrolled into the stipend program but in order to receive your payment you must complete and submit a W-9 form. The W-9 form will be emailed to committee members upon confirmation of your appointment.

Please enter your address below.

Many, but not all, of our committees require residency within the incorporated City limits of Hyattsville. To check your residency status, please visit the map: [City Residency Map](#)

Committees that accept applications from individuals residing outside of the incorporated City limits are listed below:

- Education Advisory Committee (at least 50% + 1 of sitting committee members must be residents of the City)
- Educational Facilities Task Force (up to one non-City resident appointment)
- Race and Equity Task Force (up to one-non City resident appointment)

Street Address

City

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Ethics Commission: Submitted

Shade Tree Board: Submitted

Do you currently serve on this committee and are applying for re-appointment?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you selected more than one Board/Committee of interest, please indicate your first choice below.

I currently serve on the Shade Tree Board, am applying to serve on the Ethics Commission.

To find your City Ward, click on this link! [City Residency Map](#)

Please select your ward from the drop down list below. *

☒ Ward 1


Primary Phone

Referred By:

Hyattsville List Serve

Please provide a brief background statement including why you want to serve on the committee/s for which you are applying. This statement may be posted on the City's website.

I am a life-long advocate for trees. Every where I have lived I have planted shade trees. I have also been a private gardener and have taken landscaping classes. I have lived in Hyattsville for 12 years. I bought in the city because of its shade tree canopy which seems to be disappearing. I am concerned about the large number of mature trees that appear to be dying. I was unaware of the shade tree board until reading about it on the list-serve today. As a person who believes in putting action behind my words, I felt this advisory board might be the best place to devote energies to have an impact. My time table is very flexible as well. As a person who upholds high ethical and moral standards, I am pleased to see the city has created a board of ethics. As is outlined below, I have a long record of working with schools, students, and other institutions to teach and implement honest and ethical behavior. I enjoy discussing and deliberating various points while working to build consensus. I collaborate well with others and look forward to building rapport with other dedicated citizens of Hyattsville.

Question applies to Ethics Commission

The Ethics Commission is composed of five (5) members, appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council for a term of three (3) years.

The Commission's responsibilities include adopting regulations in accordance with the City's Ethics Code, providing advisory opinions, and certifying compliance to the State Ethics Commission. In addition to these responsibilities, the Commission is appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Elections to review all campaign finance documents for Regular and Special Elections.

What skills and experience will you bring to the Commission? Include any governmental experience, activities with civic and business organizations, accounting experience, or any other experience that would contribute to your effectiveness as a Commissioner.

I was a high school teacher for thirty years where I constantly taught my students the importance of citing their sources and following ethical standards for their work. At three different schools, I served as faculty advisor to the Honor Council for four years, for the Honor Education Committee for five years, for the Student Faculty Review Board for three years, and for the Disciplinary Committee for one year. All of these positions dealt with ethics, integrity, honorable behavior, and the consequences of not following those guidelines. As Dean of Students, Dean of Residential Life, and Assistant Upper School Director (at three different institutions) I implemented programs to teach ethics and oversaw punishment. As a teacher of Economics, I frequently incorporated ethical discussions into classroom examination of a particular concept and culminated the year with a three week unit on ethics and corporate responsibility. Now serving as a Realtor for the past five years, I must receive training on ethics and I must uphold ethical standards not only in order to keep my license, but also in order to conduct business with integrity and in such a way that my clients feel comfortable telling their friends and family about me. It is important to me that institutions do what they say and that they are just. I would welcome the opportunity to work with the city to ensure compliance with city, county, and state guidelines. I would also work with the council to review laws, policies, and practices to ensure that all are in alignment. I am a good listener, a quick learner, and have an attention to detail and nuance that i think would be helpful in this role.