





City of Charlotte, NC

# BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## BOARD DETAILS




OVERVIEW




**SIZE**

20 Seats



**TERM LENGTH**


3 Year




**TERM LIMIT**

2 Terms


Membership - Original appointments were made to expire on staggered basis-one, two and three year terms. Terms thereafter are for three years with no member serving more than two consecutive terms. Six members appointed by City Council; five members recommended by the Charlotte Chamber (one from each Area Council) and affirmed by City Council; one member recommended by the Manufacturer's Council and affirmed by City Council; and one member recommended by the Arrowood Association and affirmed by City Council. Mayor appoints Chair.




CONTACT



Natasha Warren



(704) 336-3980



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On December 13, 2010, City Council changed the structure of the Committee to add a specific focus on small business. These changes increased the committee members from thirteen (13) to twenty (20) with membership from designated industry sectors, including energy, financial services, health care, technology and transportation/logistics. The seats held by Arrowood Association and the Manufacturer's Council were removed with their representation now thru either the chamber or the industry sectors. The focus on small businesses was increased by adding members from the Hispanic Contractors Association. Additional small business focus includes representation from the National Association of Women Business Owners, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Black Chamber of Commerce, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Latin-American Chamber of Commerce, the Carolinas Asian-American Chamber of Commerce and the Metrolina Native American Association.

### Responsibilities -

Provide recommendations and advice to Council on ways the City can help business in Charlotte, with a particular emphasis on small businesses; Provide a forum for businesses to raise issues, discuss and have input into City policy responses to these issues; Provide input and recommendations on the City's Economic Development Focus Area Plan, with a particular emphasis on small business development; city contracting programs; revitalization of distressed business districts; business recruitment, retention and expansion efforts; public/private partnership projects; and business customer service; Keep City Council and City Department Managers abreast of conditions in the business community and how these conditions might affect business-government relations and needs for public services.

## MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN



DETAILS

2 by Mayor; 6 by City Council (12 City Council appointments with recommendations from the following: 1 Carolinas Asian-American Chamber of Commerce recommendation, 1 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Black Chamber of Commerce recommendation, 1 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Latin-American Chamber of Commerce recommendation, 1 Hispanic Contractors Association recommendation, 1 Metrolina Minority Contractors Association recommendation, 1 National Association of Women Business Owners recommendation, 5 Chamber of Commerce recommendations)

## MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting Day - 3rd Friday monthly  
Meeting Time - 8:00 a.m.

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**ENACTING RESOLUTION**

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**ENACTING RESOLUTION  
WEBSITE**

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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City of Charlotte, NC

## BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### BOARD ROSTER



**MILAGRITOS AGUILAR**

**1 Term** May 12, 2014 - Apr 28, 2017

Email: milagritaguil@aol.com

**Office** Government Center Building, 600 E. 4Th Street  
**Position** Board Member  
**Category** Certified Sbe Recommended By Hispanic Contractors Association For Appointment By City Council  
**Appointed by** City Council



**JULIE AYERS**

**1 Term** May 12, 2014 - Apr 28, 2017

Email: julie@cparesults.net

**Office** Government Center Building, 600 E. 4Th Street  
**Position** Board Member  
**Category** Recommended By The National Association Of Women Business Owners For Appointment By City Council  
**Appointed by** City Council



**WALTER BAUCOM II**

**2 Term** Feb 14, 2011 - Apr 28, 2017

Email: baucomgroup@carolina.rr.com

**Office** Government Center Building, 600 E. 4Th Street  
**Position** Board Member  
**Category** Recommended By The Metrolina Native American Association For Appointment By City Council  
**Appointed by** City Council



**MANUEL BETANCUR**

**Partial Term** Aug 25, 2015 - Apr 30, 2016

Email: manolobetancur@gmail.com

**Office** Government Center Building, 600 E. 4Th Street  
**Position** Board Member  
**Category** None  
**Appointed by** Mayor



**NIMISH BHATT**

**2 Term** Jan 24, 2011 - Apr 28, 2017

Email: nimishbhatt@bellsouth.net

**Office** Government Center Building, 600 E. 4Th Street  
**Position** Board Member  
**Category** Recommended By The Asian American Chamber Of Commerce For Appointment By City Council  
**Appointed by** City Council



**EDWARD BRYANT**

**1 Term** Apr 29, 2014 - Apr 28, 2017

Email: ed.bryant@coedelectrical.com

**Office** Government Center Building, 600 E. 4Th Street  
**Position** Board Member  
**Category** Certified Sbe Recommended By Metrolina Minority Contractors Association For Appointment By City Council  
**Appointed by** City Council



**LEE M COCHRAN**

**1 Term** Apr 27, 2015 - Apr 28, 2018

Email: lcochran@laurelstreetres.com

**Position** Board Member  
**Category** None  
**Appointed by** City Council



**JULIO COLMENARES**

**2 Term** Jan 24, 2011 - Apr 28, 2017

Email: julio@cgrcreative.com

**Office** Government Center Building, 600 E. 4Th Street  
**Position** Board Member  
**Category** Recommended By The Latin American Chamber Of Commerce For Appointment By City Council  
**Appointed by** City Council



**VIRGINIA DEATLEY**

**2 Term** Apr 29, 2015 - Apr 28, 2018

Email: ndeatley@mac.com

**Office** Government Center Building, 600 E. 4Th Street  
**Position** Board Member  
**Category** Recommended By The Charlotte Chamber Of Commerce  
**Appointed by** City Council



**SEAN GAUTAM**

**1 Term** Apr 29, 2014 - Apr 28, 2017

Email: sean.gautam@intelligrity.com

**Office** Government Center Building, 600 E. 4Th Street  
**Position** Board Member  
**Category** None  
**Appointed by** City Council



**DEALVA W GLENN**

**Partial Term** May 27, 2014 - Apr 28, 2016

Email: dealva@dwilsonagency.com

**Office** Government Center Building, 600 E. 4Th Street  
**Position** Board Member  
**Category** None  
**Appointed by** City Council



**ROBERT GRAJEWSKI**

**1 Term** Apr 29, 2015 - Apr 28, 2018

Email: robert.grajewski@gmail.com

**Position** Board Member  
**Category** Recommended By The Charlotte Chamber Of Commerce  
**Appointed by** City Council



**THOMAS HSIAO**

**1 Term** Apr 13, 2015 - Apr 28, 2017

Email: thomash@supergreensolutions.com

**Office** Government Center Building, 600 E. 4Th Street  
**Position** Board Member  
**Category** Recommended By The Charlotte Chamber Of Commerce  
**Appointed by** City Council



**G.WESLEY JONES**

**2 Term** Jun 28, 2010 - Apr 28, 2016

Email: w.jones@aaidginc.com

**Office** Government Center Building, 600 E. 4Th Street  
**Position** Board Member  
**Category** Recommended By The Charlotte Chamber Of Commerce  
**Appointed by** City Council



**EDWARD PEUGH**

**1 Term** Apr 29, 2014 - Apr 28, 2017

Email: edwardpeugh@gmail.com

**Office** Government Center Building, 600 E. 4Th Street  
**Position** Board Member  
**Category** None  
**Appointed by** City Council



**JOHNNY PHILIPS**

**1 Term** Aug 25, 2015 - Apr 27, 2016

Email: johnny.philips@email.com

**Office** Government Center Building, 600 E. 4Th Street  
**Position** Chairman  
**Category** None  
**Appointed by** Mayor



**WILL RUSSELL**

**1 Term** Apr 27, 2015 - Apr 28, 2018

Email: w.russell78@gmail.com

**Position** Board Member  
**Category** None  
**Appointed by** City Council



**LESTER SELBY**

**1 Term** Apr 29, 2014 - Apr 28, 2017

Email: lester.selby@cmbcc.org

**Office** Government Center Building, 600 E. 4Th Street  
**Position** Board Member  
**Category** Recommended By The Black Chamber Of Commerce For Appointment By City Council  
**Appointed by** City Council



**JONATHAN UTRUP**

**1 Term** Apr 29, 2014 - Apr 28, 2017

Email: jonathan.utrup@gmail.com

**Office** Government Center Building, 600 E. 4th Street  
**Position** Board Member  
**Category** Recommended By The Charlotte Chamber Of Commerce  
**Appointed by** City Council



**GREGORY WILEY**

**1 Term** Apr 22, 2013 - Apr 28, 2016

Email: gwiley@optimapa.com

**Office** Government Center Building, 600 E. 4th Street  
**Position** Board Member  
**Category** None  
**Appointed by** City Council

### Application Form

#### Profile

Laurence E Bibbs  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

[Redacted]  
Email Address

Please provide your mailing address below:

[Redacted] [Redacted]  
Street Address Suite or Apt

Charlotte NC 28212  
City State Postal Code

Is your mailing address the same as your home address?

[Redacted]

If your home address differs from your mailing address, please provide your home address in the field below:

[Redacted]

[Redacted] [Redacted]  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

District 5  
City Council District

African American  
Ethnicity

Democrat  
Political Party

Male  
Gender

12/21/1984  
Date of Birth

Are you a registered voter?

Yes  No

List any boards you are currently serving on:

N/A

List any boards you have served on in the past:

N/A

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Business Advisory Committee, Charlotte Community Capital Loan Fund, Charlotte Housing Authority (B/O)

Why are you interested in serving on these boards/ committees?

Please describe any background or abilities that qualify you to serve on these boards/ committees.

Carolinas Healthcare System  
Current Employer:

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 Years in current position:

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**Technical Analyst**


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Job Title:

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**Brief description of duties:**


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• Resolve computer hardware and systems software issues; recommend cloud management tools to clients • Liaises with IS managers and project managers to coordinate delivery and testing schedules • Perform with a solid understanding of business practices and project management • Evaluate system specifications for business requirements • Develop, implement, and prepare most efficient and cost effective solutions to improve business efficiency and productivity • Work closely with management to prioritize business goals and information needs • Conduct implementation, support and inventory control of applications used • Provide the highest level of quality service that exceeds expectations • Possess a high level of technical expertise and clear insights into current business practice

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**Other employment history:**


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Laurence Bibbs Charlotte, NC 28212 ☐Cell (704) 562-3761 ☐ bibbs.business@gmail.com Core Qualifications: • Adept at database analysis, computer troubleshooting and upgrading hardware and software. • Keen attention to detail in the identification of potential glitches and threats to performance and security for new applications • Highly efficient in managing and coordinating multiple tasks simultaneously • Exceptional communication skills; ability to understand and interpret the operational needs of business at all levels • In-depth knowledge of private and public cloud architectures • Sharp strategic thinking and problem solving skills with the ability to adapt • Strong leadership skills; coach and train others on business processes along with technical and system issues • Highly skilled in Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher, Outlook, Active Directory, networking, building, and troubleshooting computers Education: ITT Technical Institute, Maumee, OH • Associate of Applied Science—Computer Network Systems • Bachelor of Applied Science—Information Systems Security Work Experience: Carolinas Healthcare Systems, Charlotte, NC: IT Systems Analyst (November 2013 - current) • Resolve computer hardware and systems software issues; recommend cloud management tools to clients • Liaises with IS managers and project managers to coordinate delivery and testing schedules • Perform with a solid understanding of business practices and project management • Evaluate system specifications for business requirements • Develop, implement, and prepare most efficient and cost effective solutions to improve business efficiency and productivity • Work closely with management to prioritize business goals and information needs • Conduct implementation, support and inventory control of applications used • Provide the highest level of quality service that exceeds expectations • Possess a high level of technical expertise and clear insights into current business practices Carolinas Healthcare Systems (Associate Staffing), Charlotte, NC: Project Technician (September 2011 – November 2013) • Provided technical consultancy across work streams pertaining to security, networking, and service management • Established objectives, identified priorities and completed assigned work in a timely manner • Monitored technical standards of projects and ensured work stream migration was achievable • Troubleshot components, identified worn or broken parts and implemented replacement strategies as needed ITT Technical Institute, Maumee, OH: System Support Technician (January 2010 – June 2011) • Troubleshot errors or malfunctioning and upgraded the systems regularly • Provided high levels of technical support; monitored, maintained and troubleshot workstations • Collaborated with team members to anticipate technical limitations and glitches and effect smooth system deployments Parker Enterprises, LLC, Toledo, OH: Technology Manager (January 2009 – January 2011) • Researched and analyzed specific, complex technical issues and implemented resolutions. • Designed strategies to achieve optimal outcomes • Managed efficiency of hardware and software components • Managed residential and commercial wiring installation • Lead the implementation and delivery of multiple large scale projects Internships: Owens Community College, Toledo, OH Lab Assistant (December 2005) • Provided computer hardware and software support to Institute students, faculty, and staff. • Troubleshot and diagnosed basic problems with

computer equipment. Performed minor maintenance and repair on equipment, as necessary • Analyzed work efficiency of the computer hardware components to ensure efficiency • Utilized data recovery talents . MGM Communications, Maumee, OH Network Infrastructure Lead • Custom engineered servers and workstations to fit customer needs • Provided data recovery and data backup solutions • Managed firewall and router configuration and supported network maintenance and troubleshooting • Conducted Microsoft Windows Server, Microsoft Exchange server setup and support

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**Has any formal charge of professional misconduct ever been sustained against you in any jurisdiction?**


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 Yes  No

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**If yes, please explain complete disposition:**


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**Do you have any personal or business interest that could create a conflict (either real or perceived) if appointed?**


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 Yes  No

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**If yes, please explain conflict:**


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**College**


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Education:

If you selected 'Other' for education, please specify below.

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**Additional Education History:**


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**Application Form**

**Profile**

Mary Boyd  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

[Redacted]  
Email Address

**Please provide your mailing address below:**

[Redacted] [Redacted]  
Street Address Suite or Apt

Charlotte NC 28205  
City State Postal Code

**Is your mailing address the same as your home address?**

[Redacted]

**If your home address differs from your mailing address, please provide your home address in the field below:**

[Redacted]

[Redacted] [Redacted]  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

District 1  
City Council District

African American  
Ethnicity

Democrat  
Political Party

Female  
Gender

02/20/1958  
Date of Birth

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes  No

**List any boards you are currently serving on:**

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**List any boards you have served on in the past:**

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**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

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Business Advisory Committee, Charlotte Community Capital Loan Fund

**Why are you interested in serving on these boards/ committees?**

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I want to use my knowledge in helping Charlotte-Mecklenburg government.

**Please describe any background or abilities that qualify you to serve on these boards/ committees.**

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Boyd's Acctax Consulting LLC  
Current Employer:

2 years

Years in current position:

Licence Public Accountant

Job Title:

**Brief description of duties:**

Developed business start up for accounting, taxation and payroll

**Other employment history:**

**Has any formal charge of professional misconduct ever been sustained against you in any jurisdiction?**

Yes  No

**If yes, please explain complete disposition:**

**Do you have any personal or business interest that could create a conflict (either real or perceived) if appointed?**

Yes  No

**If yes, please explain conflict:**

### Application Form

#### Profile

Amanda B. Brown  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

#### Please provide your mailing address below:

[Redacted] [Redacted]

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Charlotte NC 28211  
City State Postal Code

#### Is your mailing address the same as your home address?

[Redacted]

#### If your home address differs from your mailing address, please provide your home address in the field below:

[Redacted]

[Redacted] [Redacted]

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

District 5  
City Council District

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic  
Ethnicity

Prefer Not to Say  
Political Party

Female  
Gender

05/05/1973  
Date of Birth

#### Are you a registered voter?

Yes  No

#### List any boards you are currently serving on:

\_\_\_\_\_

#### List any boards you have served on in the past:

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#### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Business Advisory Committee, Community Relations Committee (O)

#### Why are you interested in serving on these boards/ committees?

As a citizen of Charlotte, I am keenly interested in the economic and

#### Please describe any background or abilities that qualify you to serve on these boards/ committees.

I have worked in public education for 8 years, and corporate America for 11 years. I understand the importance of education for our young people as well as the critical need for economic opportunities for them. Our young people should see Charlotte as a place where they may make their dreams come true.

KPMG LLP  
Current Employer:

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Years in current position:

HR Manager

Job Title:

**Brief description of duties:**

Work with partners and managing directors in assimilation and integration.

**Other employment history:**

Fulton County Schools, Atlanta, GA- high school social studies teacher and middle school counselor

**Has any formal charge of professional misconduct ever been sustained against you in any jurisdiction?**

Yes  No

**If yes, please explain complete disposition:**

**Do you have any personal or business interest that could create a conflict (either real or perceived) if appointed?**

Yes  No

**If yes, please explain conflict:**

### Application Form

#### Profile

Mark Frietch  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

[Redacted]  
Email Address

#### Please provide your mailing address below:

[Redacted] [Redacted]  
Street Address Suite or Apt

Charlotte NC 28202  
City State Postal Code

#### Is your mailing address the same as your home address?

[Redacted]

#### If your home address differs from your mailing address, please provide your home address in the field below:

[Redacted]

[Redacted] [Redacted]  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

District 2  
City Council District

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic  
Ethnicity

Republican  
Political Party

Male  
Gender

01/26/1973  
Date of Birth

#### Are you a registered voter?

Yes  No

#### List any boards you are currently serving on:

\_\_\_\_\_

#### List any boards you have served on in the past:

\_\_\_\_\_

#### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Business Advisory Committee, Privatization/Competition Advisory Committee

#### Why are you interested in serving on these boards/ committees?

I am interested in the boards I selected because of my interest in helping Charlotte remain competitive and attractive to organizations looking to relocate here. I also believe the boards have a strong impact on the safety and lives of the citizens. I would welcome the opportunity to serve Charlotte and have an impact on how we grow.

#### Please describe any background or abilities that qualify you to serve on these boards/ committees.

I have a background in building value propositions for organizations that help them stay competitive in the talent acquisition industry. I feel this background and living in the downtown area provide a perspective that the boards of interest can utilize.

Capital One (Contract Role)  
Current Employer:

**Less than 1**

Years in current position:

**Recruiter**

Job Title:

**Brief description of duties:**

Recruit Loan Officers to join Capital One in a variety of geographic markets.

**Other employment history:**

Recruiting projects since 2009. Worked with Companies such as TWC, Wells Fargo, and Ingersoll Rand.

**Has any formal charge of professional misconduct ever been sustained against you in any jurisdiction?**

Yes  No

**If yes, please explain complete disposition:**

**Do you have any personal or business interest that could create a conflict (either real or perceived) if appointed?**

Yes  No

**If yes, please explain conflict:**

**Profile**

**Nathaniel** \_\_\_\_\_ **Lewis** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

**Please provide your mailing address below:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Suite or Apt

**Charlotte** \_\_\_\_\_ **NC** \_\_\_\_\_ **28202** \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Postal Code

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Phone

**District 2** \_\_\_\_\_  
City Council District

**Caucasian/Non-Hispanic** \_\_\_\_\_  
Ethnicity

**Democrat** \_\_\_\_\_  
Political Party

**Male** \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender

**06/01/1981** \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes  No

**List any boards you are currently serving on:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**List any boards you have served on in the past:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Business Advisory Committee, Transit Services Advisory Committee

**Why are you interested in serving on these boards/ committees?**

To put my professional experience to good use in the city I plan to call home for the rest of my life.

**Please describe any background or abilities that qualify you to serve on these boards/ committees.**

- Columbia Business School MBA - Over 10 years of consulting experience as part of IBM's business transformation group

**IBM** \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Employer:

11

Years in current position:

Associate Partner

Job Title:

Brief description of duties:

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Other employment history:

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Has any formal charge of professional misconduct ever been sustained against you in any jurisdiction?

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Yes  No

If yes, please explain complete disposition:

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Do you have any personal or business interest that could create a conflict (either real or perceived) if appointed?

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Yes  No

If yes, please explain conflict:

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