

# City Council's Appointment Process for a Mayoral Vacancy

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Office of the City Attorney

## State Law on Mayoral and Council Vacancies



Any vacancy, including mayoral, shall be filled by appointment of the City Council



In cities that hold partisan elections, the interim mayor must belong to the same political party as the individual being replaced



### 2027 Municipal Elections

Primary: September 14, 2027; General: November 2, 2027

State Law: G.S. 160A-63

## 20 years of Historical Examples

Year	Seat	Elected	Appointed	Process
2005	District 4	Malcolm Graham	Greg Phipps	Public Forum
				Council Vote
2010	At-Large	Susan Burgess	Jason Burgess	Public Forum
2013	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Anthony Foxx</b>	<b>Patsy Kinsey (I)</b>	<b>Council Vote</b>
2013	District 1	Patsy Kinsey	Billy Maddelon	Public Forum
				Council Vote
2014	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Patrick Cannon</b>	<b>Dan Clodfelter (E)</b>	<b>Council Vote</b>
2017	District 5	John Autry	Dimple Ajmera	Public Forum
				Council Vote
2017	District 2	Al Austin	Carlenia Ivory	Application
				Public Forum
				Council Vote
2021	At-Large	James Mitchell	Greg Phipps	Application
				Public Forum
				Council Vote
2025	District 6	Tariq Bokhari	Ed Peacock	Application
				Public Forum
				Council Vote

## Qualifications for Appointment

1

Be a registered Democrat

2

Be a registered voter

3

Be 21 years of age or older

4

Reside within the corporate boundaries of the City and qualified to vote in City Council elections

## External Appointment Considerations: Application Requirements

### Personal information

- First and Last Name
- Street Address
- Reside within the corporate boundaries of the City
- Personal/Work/Home Phone
- E-mail Address
- Date of Birth
- Political affiliation
- Acknowledge familiarity with Mayor and City Council's Code of Ethics
- Intent to seek election for 2027 term (*non-binding*)

## External Appointment Considerations: Potential Application Questions



**1. State your interest in serving as Interim Mayor.**



**2. City Council has established four Key Focus Areas. As Interim Mayor what principles would you consider most important in shaping these policies**



**3. Describe your previous experience that has prepared you for appointment as mayor.**



**4. Attach resume**

# Internal Appointment Considerations

An internal candidate for interim mayor may be selected in the same manner as a mayor pro tem



If the interim mayor chosen is a current council member, then his or her seat will be filled using the application process



The successful candidate must meet all the qualifications for filling the vacancy

Same Party affiliation	21 years or older	Resident of the district seat to be filled or a resident of any municipal district if at-large
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## Optional Timeline: Option A - Expedited Schedule

Tues., May 26	Thurs., May 28 (9:00 am)	Fri., June 5 (5:00pm)	Mon., June 8	Thurs., June 18 Special Meeting (TBD)	Wed., July 1 Special Meeting (TBD)
Council votes to adopt process	Application process opens	Application process closes	Completed applications provided to Council	Council Appointment <i>(optional - requires special meeting on any day)</i>  <b>**No Public Forum</b>	Official Swearing In

## Optional Timeline: Option B - Standard Schedule

Tues., May 26	Mon., June 1 <i>*Special Meeting at 6pm</i>	Tues., June 2 (9:00 am)	Tues., June 9 (5:00 pm)	Thurs., June 11	Thurs., June 18 Public Forum (optional)	Mon., June 22	Wed., July 1 Special Meeting Time-TBD
Council Presentation to Consider Process and Schedule process <i>(Business Meeting)</i>	Council votes to adopt process	Application process opens	Application process closes	Council receives application in Thursday packets	Special Meeting will be called to hold a public forum to receive comments from qualified candidates	Council appointment <i>(Business Meeting)</i>	Swearing-In ceremony for appointee

## Council Adopted Timeline (TBD)

Council votes to adopt timeline and process <i>(Business Meeting)</i>	Application process opens	Application process closes	Completed applications provided to Council	Public Forum for qualified candidates <i>(*Special Meeting, to be Noticed)</i>	Council appointment	Swearing-In	First Meeting for appointee

# Decision Points



**Send to BGIR Committee or Full Council**



**External v. Internal Selection**



**Whether to conduct a Public Forum**



**Expedited v. Regular Schedule**

# QUESTIONS?