AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
40TH CITY COUNCIL
OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
AUGUST 18, 2025
5:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. Board and Commission candidate interviews and re-appointment and new appointment consideration.

4. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Each speaker's remarks are a matter of public record; the speaker, alone, is responsible for his or her comments and the City of Oak Park does not, by permitting such remarks, support, endorse or accept the content, thereof, as being true or accurate. “Any person while being heard at a City Council Meeting may be called to order by the Chair, or any Council Member for failure to be germane to the business of the City, vulgarity, or personal attacks on persons or institutions.” There is a three minute time limit per speaker.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The City of Oak Park will comply with the spirit and intent of the American with Disabilities Act. We will provide support and make reasonable accommodations to assist people with disabilities to access and participate in our programs, facilities and services. Accommodations to participate at a Council Meeting will be made with 7-day prior notice.

CITY OF OAK PARK, MI
STAFF REPORT

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AGENDA FOR: August 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Board and Commission candidate interviews and re-appointment and new appointment consideration.

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

FROM: Jo Lynn Williams-Elliott, Deputy City Clerk

SUMMARY: Interviews are being conducted tonight with the following candidates:

1. Antoinette Mills
2. Kevin Keys
3. Lauryn La Torre
4. Eric Love
5. Versala Parish
6. Carrie Muxlow
7. Kyle Gierada
8. Jim Head
9. Brenda Richard
10. Talitha Johnson
11. Jennifer Szonye
12. Ian Cochran
13. Jennifer Appling
14. Pamela Heuer ??
15. Dana Braxton ??

Candidates previously interviewed and are currently serving on another board:
1.Ann-Marie Morris (Currently Board of Review Alternate - wants to be considered for Regular Member of Board of Review : This will create a vacancy for the alternate position)
2. Brenda Richard (Currently serving on Brownfield)
3. Eric Love (Currently serving on Brownfield)

The following pages:

1. Outline the board and commission openings and the candidates' board preference.
2. Summary of Board and Commission members whose terms are expiring and desire reappointment.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To conduct interviews, make re-appointments and new appointments to City Board and Commissions.

EXHIBITS:

1. Candidate's Applications
2. 8-18-25 - Agenda Item - Interviews and Appointments
3. Reappointment Report - Aug 2025

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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

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- ☐ Election Commission ____
- ☑ Library Board 1
- ☐ Local Officers Compensation Comm. ____
- ☑ Parks & Recreation Commission 2
- ☐ Planning Commission ____
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- ☐ Traffic Safety Board ____
- ☐ Zoning Board of Appeals ____

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print answers to all questions):

Name: Antoinette Mills

Current Address: 13361 Kenwood St (Street) Oak Park, Michigan (City) 48237 (Zip)

Email Address: ACarrollMills@gmail.com

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: (313)433-5106 Work Phone: 248-898-6040

Date Residency Established: 2013 Have you ever served on a Board or Commission in another City? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please indicate what City and the Board or Commission: _____

Employer Name: Corewell Health - Royal Oak Hospital Occupation: Respiratory Therapist

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience: Clinical Supervisor

Educational Background: Assoc. Applied Science

Community Activities and/or Other Experience: _____

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Signature: Antoinette Mills Date: 7/16/25

(City Clerk's Office Use Only Below this Line)

Date Received: _____
Signed Acknowledgement: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Term Ending: _____
Staff Liaison: _____

Interview Date: _____
Board or Commission: _____
Letter Sent: ☐ Yes ☐ No / Date _____
Liaison Notified: ☐ Yes ☐ No / Date: _____

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- ☐ Traffic Safety Board _____
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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print answers to all questions):

Name: Kevin Keys III

Current Address: 15406 Northgate blvd Apt 201, Oak Park, 48237
(Street / City / Zip)

Email Address: kevinkeys0520@gmail.com

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: (313) 207-7406 Work Phone: _____

Date Residency Established: 10/30/2021 Have you ever served on a Board or Commission in another City? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate what City and the Board or Commission: _____

Employer Name: Choice Schools Occupation: Teacher

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience: Educator, nonprofit CEO, former CDO of Historically Black Sin youth development, and community engagement.

Educational Background: Bachelors of Science in Political Science , Masters of Education in Educational Adı Higher Education and Human Resources.

Community Activities and/or Other Experience: Mentor, step team coach, NAACP & Phi Beta Sigma member, civic leader, former school board candidate.

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Signature: _____ Date: 07/24/25

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- ■ Arts & Cultural Diversity Commission 2
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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print answers to all questions):

Name: Lauryn La Torre

Current Address: 14261 Greenbriar Street Oak Park 48237
(Street / City / Zip)

Email Address: laurynteve@gmail.com

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: (586) 214-4293 Work Phone: _____

Date Residency Established: 01/2019 Have you ever served on a Board or Commission in another City? ☐ Yes ■ No

If yes, please indicate what City and the Board or Commission: _____

Employer Name: Troy School District Occupation: Teacher

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience: English Language Arts Teacher for 19 years
Union Experience: Delegate of RA, member of Governance Committee, Chair of Grievance Committee

Educational Background: BA: English, Masters: Reading Specialist, Education Specialist Certification

Community Activities and/or Other Experience: _____

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Signature: Lauryn La Torre Date: 08/05/2025

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print answers to all questions):

Name: ERIC C LOVE SR

Current Address: 10760 Corning St (Street) Oak Park (City) 48237 (Zip)

Email Address: ERICLOVE1995@gmail.com

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: 808-854-9628 Work Phone: 248-445-9550

Date Residency Established: 12/2017 Have you ever served on a Board or Commission in another City? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If yes, please indicate what City and the Board or Commission: _____

Employer Name: Covenant of LOVE Occupation: minister

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience: I bring a strong background in leadership I Currently serve as senior pastor of Covenant of Love and on the economic board

Educational Background: Grad of OCC, pursuing bachelor degree in psychology

Community Activities and/or Other Experience: Currently mentor at risk youth, Organizer food drives I provide support to families through both my church and Nonprofit I Founded

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Signature: _____ Date: 08-01-2025

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Term Ending: _____
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- ☐ Emergency Services Council _____
- ☐ Ethnic Advisory Commission _____
- ☐ Independence Day Commission _____
- ☐ Library Board _____
- ☐ Local Officers Compensation Comm. _____
- ☐ Municipal Building Authority_____
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- ☐ Recreation Advisory Board _____
- ☐ Recycling & Environmental Commission _____
- ☐ Zoning Board of Appeals _____

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print answers to all questions):

Name: Versala Parish

Current Address: 10140 W. 9 Mile Rd. (Street) Oak Park (City) 48237 (Zip)

Email Address: versala@rhythmwellnesscenter.com

Home Phone: n/a Cell Phone: 248-225-4432 Work Phone: 248-965-3960

Date Residency Established: 1/11/2024 Have you ever served on a Board or Commission in another City? ☐ Yes ■ No

If yes, please indicate what City and the Board or Commission: OPCIA Board

Employer Name: Rhythm Wellness Center llc Occupation: Owner

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience: Business owner with over 24 years of health care management consultant work.

For the past 10 years, I've served on the Board of my condominium community (Highlands Village).

Educational Background: Certified Holistic Health Practitioner Certified Natural Health Professional, and Certified Bioenergetic Practitioner

Community Activities and/or Other Experience: As a member of Highlands Village Association's Board, I've focused on beautification projects, homeowner involvement, communication, and ongoing community improvements

The experience has shown me how local leadership can create real change. I chose to open my business here because Oak Park values connection, wellness, and meaningful community engagement, which aligns with my own mission.

I believe business owners should be more than just present, we should be part of the community. I'm excited to give back in a meaningful way and help keep Oak Park a place where people feel connected and proud to call home.

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Signature: Digitally signed by Versala Parish Date: 2025.07.10 13:16:03 -04'00' Date: July 7, 2025

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Signed Acknowledgement: ☐ Yes ☐
Term Ending: _____
Staff Liaison: _____

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print answers to all questions):

Name: Carrie Muxlow

Current Address: 23420 Rosewood (Street) Oak Park, MI 48237 (City, Zip)

Email Address: carriemuxlow@yahoo.com

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: 248-210-7010 Work Phone: _____

Date Residency Established: September 2007 Have you ever served on a Board or Commission in another City? ☐ Yes ■ No

If yes, please indicate what City and the Board or Commission: _____

Employer Name: EastersealsMORC Occupation: Case Manager/Research Coordinator

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience: I have years of volunteer work in the local elementary school libraries, started a Book Swap within the schools and within the cities of Oak Park and Ferndale for adults and children, and have served on PTA boards and as a UAW union steward in the past.

Educational Background: Master's in Humane Studies, Graduate Certificate in Non-Profit Leadership and Volunteer Management

Community Activities and/or Other Experience: In the past I have served on boards, volunteered as a Girl Scout Leader for ten years, volunteered within the schools. Within my work experience I have served in leadership roles, worked in evironmental health and safety, research, and mental health professional roles.

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Signature: Carrie Muxlow Date: 8/1/25

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print answers to all questions):

Name: KYLE GERADA

Current Address: 14661 W 11 MILE RD STE 200 (Street) OAK PARK (City) 48237 (Zip)

Email Address: KYLE.GERADA@GMAIL.COM

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: 734-347-8122 Work Phone: 248-850-8910

Date Residency Established: NON RESIDENT Have you ever served on a Board or Commission in another City? ☑ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate what City and the Board or Commission: BERKLEY CHAMBER

Employer Name: DOG & PONY SHOW BREWING Occupation: OWNER

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience: REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT @ ROCKET MORTGAGE

Educational Background: WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY - UNDERGRAD

Community Activities and/or Other Experience: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: 8/12/25

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print answers to all questions):

Name: Jim H. Head Jr

Current Address: 15307 Northgate Apt #201 (Street) Oak Park (City) 48237 (Zip)

Email Address: jimheadjr@hotmail.com

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: 248 7461454 Work Phone: _____

Date Residency Established: Dec 26 2008 Have you ever served on a Board or Commission in another City? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate what City and the Board or Commission: Berkley Tree Board / Commution / Historical

Employer Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience: Done Landscaping for others

Educational Background: Berkley High School / SOCCAE - Greenhouse

Community Activities and/or Other Experience: _____

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Signature: Jim H Head Jr. Date: Aug 5th 2025

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print answers to all questions):

Name: BRENDA RICHARD

Current Address: 14501 PARK ST., OAK PARK MI 48237
(Street / City / Zip)

Email Address: brenda@oladvocacy.org

Home Phone: n/a Cell Phone: (248) 355-1800 Work Phone: (313) 314-1500, ext. 3112

Date Residency Established: 10/29/2011 Have you ever served on a Board or Commission in another City? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please indicate what City and the Board or Commission: _____

Employer Name: LAKESHORE LEGAL AID Occupation: ATTORNEY

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience: 29 YEARS EXPERIENCE AS A LITIGATION ATTORNEY, 5 YEARS EXECUTIVE SALES EXPERIENCE, 2 YEARS CUSTOMER SERVICE EXPERIENCE, 5 YEARS CLERICAL EXPERIENCE

Educational Background: BACHERLOR'S DEGREE IN GENERAL STUDIES, JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE

Community Activities and/or Other Experience: BOARD MEMBER OF OAK PARK YOUTH ASSISTANCE, MEMBER OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE OF STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN, BOARD MEMBER OF ECONOMIC DEV. CORP/BRIWBFUEKD RED, AUTH

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Signature: Brenda J Richard Date: 7/12/2022

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Term Ending: _____
Staff Liaison: _____

Interview Date: _____
Board or Commission: _____
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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print answers to all questions):

Name: Talitha Johnson

Current Address: 21630 Church St. (Street) OAK PARK (City) 48237 (Zip)

Email Address: tjohnsonpr@gmail.com

Home Phone: 313-415-6178 Cell Phone: same Work Phone: same

Date Residency Established: 2017 Have you ever served on a Board or Commission in another City? ☐ Yes ☐ ~~No~~

If yes, please indicate what City and the Board or Commission: ____

Employer Name: Downtown Detroit Partnership Occupation: Director of Communications

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience: Communications · Herbalism ·

Educational Background: Wayne State University Bachelor's Degree

Community Activities and/or Other Experience: Healing by Choice, Great Lakes Herbalare,

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Signature: [signature] Date: 8.7.25

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print answers to all questions):

Name: Jennifer Szonye

Current Address: 23860 Jerome Street (Street) Oak Park (City) 48237 (Zip)

Email Address: jszonye@gmail.com

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: 408-829-8410 Work Phone: _____

Date Residency Established: June 2018 Have you ever served on a Board or Commission in another City? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please indicate what City and the Board or Commission: _____

Employer Name: Nusano, Inc Occupation: Sr. Quality Assurance Specialist

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience: Department expert in Audits, represented department in projects, guided startups in setting up quality, Equipment Maintenance, Clinical Studies, writing Software documents, Software tester.

Educational Background: AA in Programming in C, BS in Information Technology, Certified in PCB board design, Certified in TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return)

Community Activities and/or Other Experience: Teach classes in making Ukrainian Eggs, Served as VP of my California Condo HOA, Assisted in fundraising events, Member of the Seniors club, Lego displays for different Park & Rec activities (Trunk or treat, Winterfest & Family day @ Farmers Market)

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Signature: Jennifer Szonye Date: July 23, 2025

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Interview Date: _____
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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print answers to all questions):

Name: Ian Cochran

Current Address: 14020 (Street) Kingston St (City) (Zip)

Email Address: iancochran86@gmail.com

Home Phone: 248.860.2631 Cell Phone: 248.860.2631 Work Phone: _____

Date Residency Established: 9/2015 Have you ever served on a Board or Commission in another City? ☐ Yes ■ No

If yes, please indicate what City and the Board or Commission: _____

Employer Name: Controller Technologies Corporation Occupation: Contractor - Robert Bosch LLC - Autc

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience: Passive Safety - Impact Data Analysis / Pedestrian Protection

Educational Background: B.S. - Business Management | Minor - Finance

Community Activities and/or Other Experience: MDOT voluntary clean up / Attendee in the 11mile corridor rezonin Winterfest / 4th of July parade / Water Tower District festival attendee/ Street blocking park attendee

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Signature: Ian Cochran Date: 08/01/2025

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print answers to all questions):

Name: Jennifer Appling

Current Address: 21370 Parklawn (Street) Oak Park (City) 48237 (Zip)

Email Address: tcob1me@yahoo.com

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: 3138882182 Work Phone: _____

Date Residency Established: 6/2022 Have you ever served on a Board or Commission in another City? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If yes, please indicate what City and the Board or Commission: _____

Employer Name: Priority/Corewell Health Occupation: Supervisor for Healthcare

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience: _____

Educational Background: HS Diploma / Licensed Health Insurance Agent

Community Activities and/or Other Experience: _____

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print answers to all questions):

Name: ANN-MARIE MORRIS

Current Address: 15045 ROSEMARY (Street) OAK PARK (City) 48237 (Zip)

Email Address: aamorris1908@gmail.com

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: 248-722-2486 Work Phone: _____

Date Residency Established: 2020 Have you ever served on a Board or Commission in another City? ☑ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate what City and the Board or Commission: Ethic Advisory - OAK PARK (1997-2000)

Employer Name: RETIRED Occupation: PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience: Sr. Community Engagement Manager PUBLIC RELATIONS and FUND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Educational Background: MBA, PUBLIC AFFAIRS and B.A. COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

Community Activities and/or Other Experience: VOLUNTEERING

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Signature: _____ Date: 08-02-2024

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print answers to all questions):

Name: Pamela Heuer

Current Address: 14791 Borgman, Oak Park MI 48237
Street City Zip

Email Address: pamelaheuer@gmail.com

Home Phone: 248-227-4364 Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Date Residency Established: December 2022 Have you ever served on a Board or Commission in another City? ☐ Yes ■ No

If yes, please indicate what City and the Board or Commission: _____

Employer Name: ASPCA Occupation: Senior Director, Extended Workforce

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience: Workforce Management, Human Resources, Employment Law

Educational Background: Graduate Degree

Community Activities and/or Other Experience: Active volunteer with the Michigan Humane Society

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Signature: Pamela Heuer Digitally signed by Pamela Heuer Date: 2025.08.06 15:02:30 -04'00' Date: 8/6/2025

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print answers to all questions):

Name: Dr. Dana L. Braxton PharmD

Current Address: 21600 Kipling, Oak Park 48237
Street City Zip

Email Address: dbraxton0910@gmail.com

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: 248-225-7927 Work Phone: _____

Date Residency Established: 1974 / 2019 (home owner) Have you ever served on a Board or Commission in another City? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please indicate what City and the Board or Commission: n/a

Employer Name: Lierre Naturals LLC Occupation: Pharmacist

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience:

Doctorate of Pharmacy - 15 years. HR specialist for Daimler Chrysler - 15 years

Educational Background: Doctorate of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Science - MIS

Community Activities and/or Other Experience: Board Member - Hopeseraign, Volunteer - Disablity Network of Wayne,

Support Group Leader - National Multiple Sclerosis Society

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Signature: _____ Date: 7/31/25

Dana Braxton

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Interviews are being conducted tonight with the following candidates:

1. Antoinette Mills
2. Kevin Keys
3. Lauryn La Torre
4. Eric Love
5. Versala Parish
6. Carrie Muxlow
7. Kyle Gierada
8. Jim Head
9. Brenda Richard
10. Talitha Johnson
11. Jennifer Szonye
12. Ian Cochran
13. Jennifer Appling
14. Pamela Heuer ??
15. Dana Braxton ??

Candidates previously interviewed and are currently serving on another board:

1. Ann-Marie Morris (Currently Board of Review Alternate - wants to be considered for Regular Member of Board of Review : This will create a vacancy for the alternate position)
2. Brenda Richard (Currently serving on Brownfield)
3. Eric Love (Currently serving on Brownfield)

Board/Commission	# of Vacancies	Candidates	Preference
Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission	1	Laurvn La Torre	2
		Talitha Johnson	3
		Jennifer Appling	1
		Kevin Keys	1
Brownfield/EDC	1	Ian Cochran	2
		Pamela Heuer	2
Beautification Advisory Commission	3	Eric Love	2
		Jim Head	
		Talitha Johnson	1
		Pamela Heuer	3
		Jennifer Appling	2
Building Board of Appeals	1	Ian Cochran	3
Corridor Improvement Authority	1	Eric Love ®	1
	(bus owner)	Ian Cochran ®	1
		Brenda Richard ®	2
		Pamela Heuer ®	1
		Kyle Gierada (Bus Owner)	1
		Versala Parish (Bus Owner)	1
Board of Review (Regular Member)	1	Eric Love	3
		Dana Braxton	2
		Ann-Marie Morris	1
Board of Review (Alternate)	1?		
Library Board	1	Brenda Richard	1
		Jim Head	
		Laurvn La Torre	1
		Carrie Muxlow	1
		Dana Braxton	1
		Antoinette Mills	1
Parks and Recreation	0	Talitha Johnson	2
		Kevin Keys	2
		Jennifer Szonye	1
		Antoinette Mills	2
Zoning	0	Kevin Keys	3

BOARD/COMMISSION	FIRST	LAST	TERM LENGTH	TERM EXP DATE	NEW TERM EXP DATE
Arts and Cultural	Sarah	Davidson	3 years	Aug 2025	Aug. 2028
Board of Review	Tannis	Cummings	3 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2028
Board of Review	Steven	Gold	3 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2028
Library Board	Leslye	Harlik-Richie	2 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2027
Library Board	Cheryl	Daniel	2 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2027
Parks and Rec	Carian	Taylor	3 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2028
Parks and Rec	Ajai	Tice	3 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2028
Parks and Rec	Theresa	Lorick-Henderson	3 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2028
Parks and Rec	Beverly	Wiggins	3 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2028
Planning Commission	Michael	Eizelman	3 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2028
Planning Commission	Howard	Tkatch	3 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2028
Recycling and Env. Comm.	Leslie	Ellis	3 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2028
Recycling and Env. Comm.	Jonathan	Nachman	3 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2028
Recycling and Env. Comm.	Richard	Readus	3 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2028
Recycling and Env. Comm.	Kenneth	Sherman	3 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2028
Traffic Safety Board	Kemi	Jackson	3 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2028
Traffic Safety Board	Sharrista	Brown	3 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2028
Zoning Board of Appeals	Taleesa D.	Anderson	3 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2028
Zoning Board of Appeals	Aaron	Kleid	3 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2028
Zoning Board of Appeals	Sharrista	Brown	3 years	Aug. 2025	Aug. 2028

BOARD MEMBERS WITH EXPIRING TERMS			REASON
Beautification	Chrystal	Wagner	resigned
Board of Review	Zakiya	Hollifeld	resigned
CIA	Zeana	Attisha	resigned
Library Board	Zakiya	Hollifeld	resigned
ACDC	Avi	Snider	attendance

BOARDS WITH VACANCIES	#
ACDC	1
Beautification	3
Board of Review	1
Brownfield	1
Building Board of Appe	1
CIA	1
Library Board	1
TOTAL	9