



## Richland County Council

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### Rules and Appointments March 07, 2017 - 4:00 PM 4th Floor Conference Room

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| Julie-Ann Dixon | Bill Malinowski (Chair) | Jim Manning |
| District 9      | District 1              | District 8  |

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#### Call to Order

#### Approval of Minutes

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#### Adoption of Agenda

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#### Interviews

- 3 Planning Commission - 1 [PAGES 6-8]
  - a. Prentiss McLaurin
- 4 Community Relations Council – 3 (Applicants will have fundraising responsibilities)
  - a. William Riley [PAGES 10-11]
  - b. Dr. Gwendolyn Conner [PAGES 12-14]
  - c. Jonnieka Farr [PAGES 15-17]

#### Adjournment



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# RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

## SOUTH CAROLINA



## RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

February 7, 2017  
4:00 PM  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

*In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building*

### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Malinowski called the meeting to order at approximately 4:05

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**December 13, 2016** – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Malinowski stated the Election of the Chair needed to be added to the agenda for action.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### ELECTION OF CHAIR

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to elect Mr. Malinowski as Chair of the Rules and Appointments Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### INTERVIEWS

- a. **Procurement Review Panel – Two (2) Vacancies – (One applicant must be from the public procurement arena and one applicant must be from the consumer industry)** – The applicant withdrew their application.
- b. **Business Service Center Appeals Board – One (1) Vacancy (Applicants must be in Business Industry)** – Ms. Kitwanda Cyrus was interviewed.

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to appoint Ms. Kitwanda Cyrus. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. **Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) – One (1) Vacancy** – Ms. Julie-Ann Dixon and Mr. Douglas J. Fabel were interviewed.

Ms. Kennedy moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to appoint Ms. Julie-Ann Dixon. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### Committee Members Present

Bill Malinowski, Chair  
Gwendolyn Kennedy  
Norman Jackson

### Others Present:

Michelle Onley  
Kimberly Williams-Roberts

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- d. Employee Grievance Committee – One (1) Vacancy – (Applicant must be a Richland County employee) – Ms. Deborah P. Moore was interviewed.**

Ms. Kennedy moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to re-appoint Ms. Deborah P. Moore. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:36 PM.

The Minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley, Deputy Clerk of Council

## Richland County Council Request of Action

**Subject:**

Planning Commission - 1

a. Prentiss McLaurin – 4:20 p.m.



APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON RICHLAND COUNTY COMMITTEE, BOARD OR COMMISSION

Applicant must reside in Richland County.

Name: PRENTISS McLAURIN
Home Address: 100 TRADITION CIRCLE COLUMBIA SC 29229
Telephone: (home) 803 736-5633 (work) N/A
Office Address: N/A
Email Address: PMCLAURIN001@SC.TT.COM

Educational Background: BS Limestone College
Professional Background: USAF 26 YRS RETIRED 2008 / VETERAN SUPERVISOR DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE 2010-2015
Male [X] Female [ ] Age: 18-25 [ ] 26-50 [ ] Over 50 [ ]

Name of Committee in which interested: Planning Commission
Reason for interest: TO HELP EXPAND RICHLAND COUNTY & HELP THE RESIDENTS OF RICHLAND

Your characteristics/qualifications, which would be an asset to Committee, Board or Commission:
Understanding Progress, leadership,

Presently serve on any County Committee, Board or Commission? None
Any other information you wish to give? HAVE BEEN ON THE COMMUNITY RELATION COUNCIL 4 YRS
Recommended by Council Member(s): COUNCILMAN RUSH
Hours willing to commit each month: 12 HRS

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL OR PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Do you have any financial or personal interest in any business or corporation (profit or not-for-profit) that could be potentially affected by the actions of the Committee, Board or Commission?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X \_\_\_\_\_

If so, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Robert McQueen*  
Applicant's Signature

1-7-17  
Date

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## Richland County Council Request of Action

**Subject:**

Community Relations Council – 3 (Applicants will have fundraising responsibilities)

- a. William Riley – 4:10 p.m.
- b. Dr. Gwendolyn Conner – 4:30 p.m.
- c. Jonnieka Farr – 4:50 p.m.



**APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON RICHLAND COUNTY  
COMMITTEE, BOARD OR COMMISSION**

**Applicant must reside in Richland County.**

Name: William Riley

Home Address: 656 Village Market Drive

Telephone: (home) (803) 932-8383 (work) (803) 255-8190

Office Address: 2711 Middleburg Drive Suite 305 Columbia SC 29204

Email Address: williamriley13@gmail.com

Educational Background: Bachelors Business-Masters Human Resources-Masters Religio

Professional Background: Retired Army- 15 Human Resources Management and Safety

Male  Female  Age: 18-25  26-50  Over 50

Name of Committee in which interested: Community Relations Counsel

Reason for interest: To have a vested interest in improving community realltions, and help to provide open lines of communication between businesses and communities.

Your characteristics/qualifications, which would be an asset to Committee, Board or Commission:

Experience working within the community and on community projects. I have also provided guidance and expertise to new and established businesses around the state.

Presently serve on any County Committee, Board or Commission? Not at this time

Any other information you wish to give? Not at this time

Recommended by Council Member(s): n/a

Hours willing to commit each month: How every many hours ar needed

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No <sup>x</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No <sup>x</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

If so, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant's Signature

1/13/17  
Date

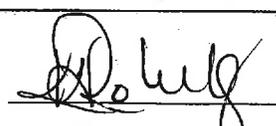
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APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON RICHLAND COUNTY  
COMMITTEE, BOARD OR COMMISSION

Applicant must reside in Richland County.

Name: Dr. Gwendolyn Conner

Home Address: 840 Sparkleberry Lane, Apt. 1605, Columbia, SC

Telephone: (home) N/A (work) (803) 416-8831

Office Address: 300 S. Catawba Street, Lancaster, SC 29720

Email Address: isirendab4u@gmail.com

Educational Background: Ed.D., M.S., B.S., A.S.

Professional Background: See Bio

Male  Female  Age: 18-25  26-50  Over 50

Name of Committee in which interested: Community Relations Council

Reason for interest: To further promote the mission and vision of Richland County's Leadership Team.

Your characteristics/qualifications, which would be an asset to Committee, Board or

Commission:

See Bio

Presently serve on any County Committee, Board or Commission? yes

Any other information you wish to give? See Bio

Recommended by Council Member(s): Chairman Torrey Lush

Hours willing to commit each month: As needed

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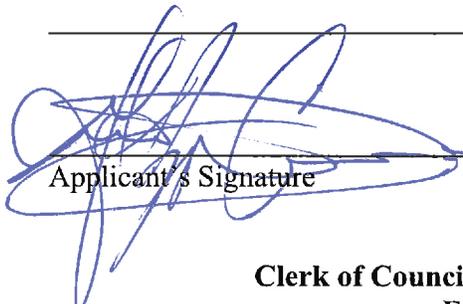
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No *lpc* \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No *lpc* \_\_\_\_\_

If so, describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

  
Applicant's Signature

12/16/2016  
Date

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## Biography

Dr. Gwendolyn Conner is a native of Aiken County. She is employed as Director of Human Resources with the Lancaster County School District, Lancaster, SC. Her leadership career experiences include 14.5 years in government, three years in manufacturing and the past eight and a half years in education. Dr. Conner earned her doctorate degree in Organizational Leadership with a minor in Conflict Resolution from Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; M.S. degree in Human Resources Management, Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; B.S. degree in Business Administration, Limestone College; and A.S. degree in Secretarial Science, Aiken Technical College.

She is an active member of the York County Regional Chamber of Commerce (Government Relations Task Force), the Lancaster County School District's Education Hall of Fame Selection Committee, and serves as Co-chair of the SC Teacher Loan Program Advisory Committee. She is also a member in good standing with the American Educational Research Association (AERA), the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA) and the National Society of Human Resources Management Association (SHRM).

Dr. Conner served as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Committee on Human Relations for the City of Rock Hill. She is former Chair of the Minority Advisory Council for the Lower Savannah Areas, 2nd Congressional District; a former Executive Board Member and Region 6 Representative for AASPA; former President of the SCASA Personnel Division; former Director General for the SC Baptist Congress of Christian Education; former Vice President of Board of Directors for Aiken Habitat for Humanity; former Vice President of Board of Directors for the Aiken Helping Hands, Inc.; former member of Board of Directors for the Education Foundation for Rock Hill School District Three; former member of the Advisory Board of the Aiken County Career and Technology Center; and former Division Leader for the United Way/Business Management Services Division. Dr. Conner is also a former Adjunct Professor (Business Law) and graduate of Aiken County, York County, and Lancaster County Leadership Programs.

Her recent civic achievements include being a 2015 Inductee into the Phi Gamma Sigma International Professional Society and Golden Key International Honour Society. She was also a 2014 Inductee into the Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society. Dr. Conner recently published an article on The Role of Human Resources Administrators in Transforming Public Education in South Carolina. She is the recipient of numerous awards and levels of recognition including, but not limited to School Board of Trustees Awards and being named the 2012-2013 Personnel Administrator of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA).

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**APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON RICHLAND COUNTY  
COMMITTEE, BOARD OR COMMISSION**

**Applicant must reside in Richland County.**

Name: Jonnieka Farr

Home Address: 308 Denby Circle Columbia, SC 29229

Telephone: (home) 803 699 0991 (work) 803 724 5949

Office Address: 1628 Browning Road Columbia, SC 29210

Email Address: jfarr77@yahoo.com

Educational Background: Bachelor of Arts Sociology

Professional Background: 18 years of Human Services experience; 15 of which serving the citizens of South Carolina via the Department of Social Services.

Male      Female x      Age: 18-25      26-50 x      Over 50

Name of Committee in which interested: Community Relations Council

Reason for interest: I have always had a passion for service to others within my community. I believe this Council's appointment would allow me to do this at a greater capacity.

Your characteristics/qualifications, which would be an asset to Committee, Board or Commission:

In my field of Social Work, I have garnered a great deal of experience in working with families within our community at their most vulnerable moments. This places me in a position to view relations in our community from a more distinctive standpoint. My experience has afforded me opportunities to problem solve issues with "out of the box" solutions. Moreover, my experience places me in the position of being a Mediator to ensure positive outcomes for all parties involved. Lastly, I have a great deal of experience working with diverse populations. Considering that I am a former Military "Brat" and Spouse, I have lived and worked in several different states throughout our Country as well as Europe. Our community is changing vastly with a great deal of the population coming from diverse areas of our nation as well as other

countries. My understanding of different cultures and family dynamics would be an asset to a Council such as this.

Presently serve on any County Committee, Board or Commission? No

Any other information you wish to give? Integrity is very important to me. I believe this is integral in any form of public service.

Recommended by Council Member(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Hours willing to commit each month: I am unsure of the requirements but am willing to commit, at the minimum, 6-8 hours each month.

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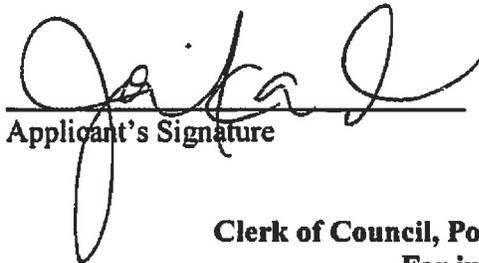
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Applicant's Signature

10-1-16  
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