

**RICHLAND COUNTY**  
**RULES & APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA**



**TUESDAY MAY 6, 2025**

**3:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

# Richland County Council 2024-2025



Derrek Pugh  
District 2  
Vice Chair



Jason Branham  
District 1



Gretchen D. Barron  
District 7



Tyra Little  
District 3



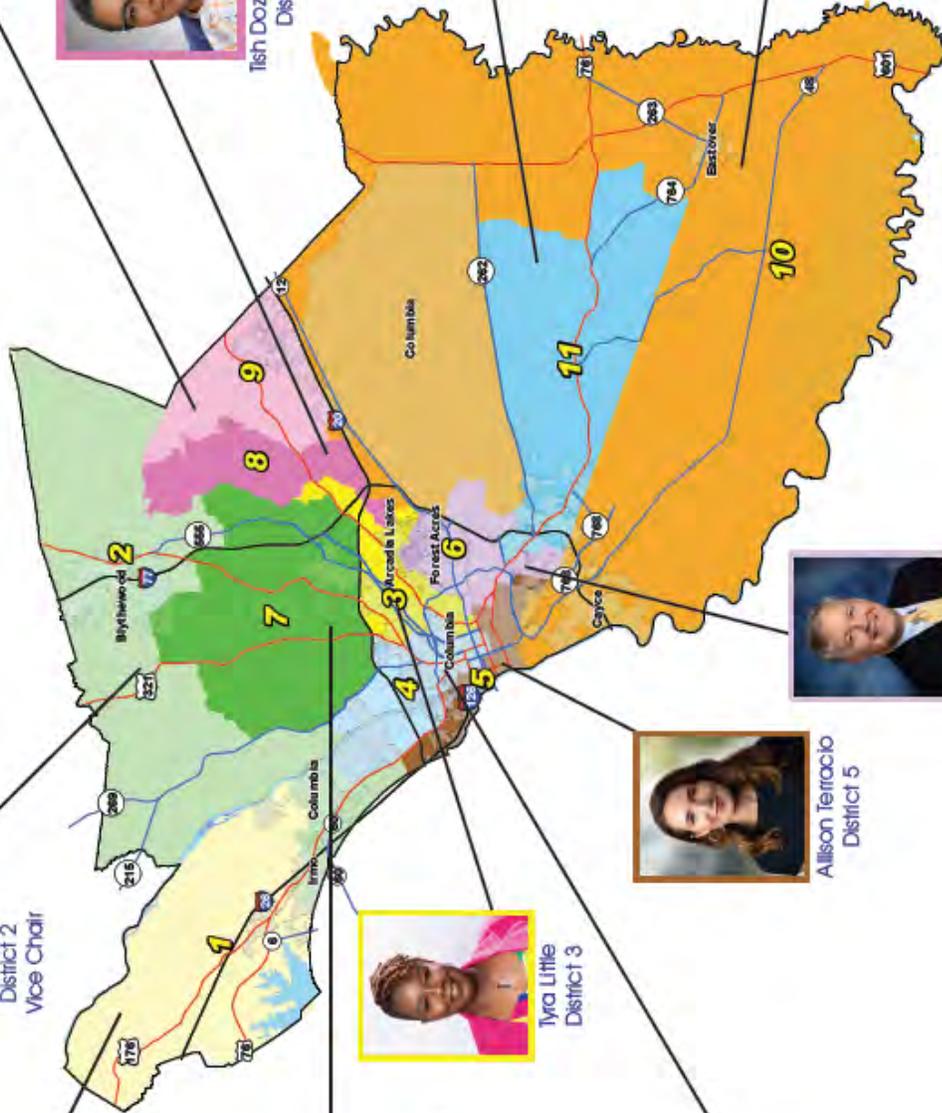
Paul Livingston  
District 4



Allison Terracio  
District 5



Don Weaver  
District 6



Tish Dozier Alleyne  
District 8



Chaikisse Newton  
District 11



Cheryl D. English  
District 10



Jessica Mackley  
District 9  
Chair



**Richland County  
Rules & Appointments Committee**

**AGENDA**

May 6, 2025 - 3:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

The Honorable Tyra K. Little	The Honorable Allison Terracio	The Honorable Gretchen D. Barron, Chair
County Council District 3	County Council District 5	County Council District 7

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Gretchen Barron, Chair
  - a. Roll Call
  
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The Honorable Gretchen Barron
  - a. April 22, 2025 **[PAGES 7-8]**
  
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** The Honorable Gretchen Barron
  
4. **INTERVIEWS/APPOINTMENTS** The Honorable Gretchen Barron
  - a. Midlands Workforce Development Board - 1  
(Applicant must represent the Private Sector)
    1. Michael Myers
    2. Natashi Johnson
    3. Kandice Smith
    4. Mark Broughton
    5. Lia Smith Christopher
    6. Christine Simmons
    7. Andrew Rice
    8. Carolyn Williams
    9. Latasha Lewis
    10. Michael Eargle

- 11. Danail Wilkins
- 12. Claudia McMillian
- 13. Eleanora Walker

**5. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES**

The Honorable Gretchen Barron

- a. a. Airport Commission – Two (2) Vacancies
- b. Accommodations Tax Committee – Six (6) Vacancies (TWO applicants must have a background in the Lodging Industry, TWO applicants must have a background in the Hospitality Industry, and ONE applicant must have a cultural background, and ONE is an at-large position)
- c. Board of Assessment Appeals Board – One (1) Vacancy
- d. Building Codes Board of Appeals – Five (5) Vacancies (ONE applicant must be from the Architecture Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Gas Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Plumbing Industry, TWO applicants must be from Fire Industry as alternates)
- e. Business Service Center Appeals Board – Three (3) Vacancies (TWO applicants must be CPAs and ONE must be from the Business Industry)
- f. Hospitality Tax Committee – Five (5) Vacancies (TWO applicants must be from the Restaurant Industry)
- g. Midlands Workforce Development Committee – One (1) Vacancy (Applicant must represent the Private Sector)
- h. Music Festival Commission – One (1) Vacancy
- i. Planning Commission – One (1) Vacancy
- j. Procurement Review Panel – Five (5) Vacancies (ONE applicant must represent the Construction Industry, ONE applicant must represent the Professional Services Industry, ONE applicant must represent the Service Industry, ONE applicant must represent the Public Procurement Industry, and ONE applicant must represent the Consumer Industry)

**6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

The Honorable Gretchen Barron

a. Boards, Commissions, and Committee Advertisement  
Schedule [\[PAGE 9\]](#)

b. Applications Currently on File [\[PAGES 10-12\]](#)

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The Honorable Gretchen Barron



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Richland County Council  
Rules & Appointments Committee  
**MINUTES**  
April 22, 2025 – 2:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Gretchen Barron, Chair, Tyra Little, Allison Terracio (arrived at 2:15pm)

OTHERS PRESENT: Kenny Bowen, Leonardo Brown, Anette Kirylo, Jackie Hancock, Venyke Harley, Angela Weathersby, Ashiya Myers, Michelle Onley, Kyle Holsclaw, Lauren Holm, and Keietta Goodwin

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Gretchen Barron called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. March 4, 2025 – Ms. Little moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Little and Barron

Not Present: Terracio

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Little moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Little and Barron

Not Present: Terracio

The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **INTERVIEWS/APPOINTMENTS**

Ms. Little moved to go into Executive Session to conduct interviews for the Building Codes Board of Appeals and Employee Grievance Committee, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Little and Barron

Not Present: Terracio

The vote in favor was unanimous.

***The Committee went into Executive Session at approximately 2:03 PM  
and came out at approximately 2:57 PM***

Ms. Terracio moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Little.

In Favor: Little, Terracio, and Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Barron indicated that the Committee entered into Executive Session to receive legal advice. No action was taken in Executive Session.

- a. Building Codes Board of Appeals – Six (6) Vacancies (ONE applicant must be from the Architecture Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Gas Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Plumbing Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Electrical Industry, and TWO applicants must be from the Fire Industry as alternates) – Mr. Andrei Blackman was interviewed for the Building Codes Board of Appeals.

Ms. Terracio moved to appoint Mr. Andrei Blackman to fill the Electrical Industry vacancy, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Little, Terracio, and Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Employee Grievance Committee – Three (3) Vacancies (TWO applicants will serve as alternates) – Ms. Anna Browder, Ms. Velveeta Morris, Ms. LaRonda Blocker, and Mr. John Dunn were interviewed for the Employee Grievance Committee.

Ms. Barron moved to re-appoint Mr. John Dunn to the Employee Grievance Committee, seconded by Ms. Little.

In Favor: Little, Terracio, and Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Terracio moved to appoint Ms. Anna Browder and Ms. Velveeta Morris to fill the alternate positions on the committee, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Little, Terracio, and Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- a. Boards, Commissions, and Committees Advertisement Schedule – No action was taken.
- b. Applications Currently on File – No action was taken.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Terracio moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Little.

In Favor: Little, Terracio, and Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:01 PM.

**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE  
VACANCY AND APPLICATION DEADLINE SCHEDULE**

SUBMIT VACANCY LISTING TO RULES COMMITTEE	PUBLICATION OF AD (Estimate)	APPLICATION SUBMITTAL DEADLINE
May 6, 2025	May 16, 2025	June 13, 2025
September 9, 2025	September 19, 2025	October 17, 2024
December 2, 2025	December 12, 2025	January 10, 2026

**APPLICATIONS ON FILE  
April 14, 2025**

Board/Committee/Commission	Name	Municipality	District	Application Received	Interviewed	Notes
<b>Accommodations Tax</b>						
Accommodations Tax	Raquel Felder	Unincorporated	7	3/21/2025		
Accommodations Tax	Kiara Brazil	Unincorporated	10	3/26/2025		
Accommodations Tax	Daniel Eloi	Unincorporated	3	4/3/2025		
Accommodations Tax	Troyeshi Gladden	Unincorporated	9	4/3/2025		
<b>Airport Commission</b>						
Airport Commission	Booker Little	Columbia	4	11/19/2024	**Currently No Vacancies	
Board of Assessment Appeals	Terrance Staley	Columbia	9	3/17/2025		
Board of Assessment Appeals	Melita Riley	Unincorporated	11	4/11/2025		
<b>Board of Zoning Appeals</b>						
Board of Zoning Appeals	Leslie Wilson	Columbia	11	11/7/2024	**Currently No Vacancies	
<b>Building Codes Board of Appeals</b>						
Building Codes Board of Appeals	Melita Riley	Unincorporated	11	4/11/2025		
<b>Business Service Center</b>						
Business Service Center	Carl Parrott	Unincorporated	9	4/1/2025		
<b>Central Midlands Council of Governments</b>						
Central Midlands Council of Governments	Stephanie O'Cain	Unincorporated	3	6/28/2024	**Currently No Vacancies	
Central Midlands Council of Governments	Allen Johnson	Unincorporated	9	7/19/2024	**Currently No Vacancies	
Central Midlands Council of Governments	Zenya Gantt	Unincorporated	7	1/10/2025	**Currently No Vacancies	
Central Midlands Council of Governments	Sharia McCummings	Unincorporated	11	3/23/2025	**Currently No Vacancies	
<b>Community Relations Council</b>						
Community Relations Council	Katie Forsythe	Unincorporated	9	11/21/2024	**Currently No Vacancies	
Community Relations Council	Patrece Simmons	Columbia	11	3/31/2025	**Currently No Vacancies	
Community Relations Council	Fretoria Addison	Unincorporated	5	4/4/2025	**Currently No Vacancies	
Community Relations Council	Marisette Hasan	Unincorporated	7	4/7/2025	**Currently No Vacancies	
<b>Employee Grievance</b>						
Employee Grievance - Mr. Bland's term does not expire until 7/26	Kevin Bland	Sheriff's Dept.		9/12/2024		
<b>Historic Columbia</b>						
Historic Columbia	Michelle Booker	Unincorporated	8	4/4/2025	**Currently No Vacancies	

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<b>Hospitality Tax Committee</b>					
Hospitality Tax Committee	Raquel Felder	Unincorporated	7	2/4/2025	
Hospitality Tax Committee	Chirag Gandhi	Unincorporated	3	3/13/2025	
Hospitality Tax Committee	Jessica Carswell	Columbia	10	3/31/2025	
Hospitality Tax Committee	Daniel Eloi	Unincorporated	3	4/3/2025	
<b>Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (LRADAC)</b>					
Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (LRADAC)	Damitchell Moore	Unincorporated	9	11/20/2024	**Currently No Vacancies
Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (LRADAC)	Benita Dyer	Columbia	11	1/6/2025	**Currently No Vacancies
<b>Midlands Regional Convention Center Authority</b>					
Midlands Regional Convention Center Authority	Raquel Felder	Unincorporated	7	2/4/2025	**Currently No Vacancies
<b>Midlands Workforce Development Committee</b>					
Midlands Workforce Development Committee	Eleanora Walker	Unincorporated	2	3/13/2025	
Midlands Workforce Development Committee	Kandice Smith	Unincorporated	9	3/13/2025	
Midlands Workforce Development Committee	Latascha Lewis	Unincorporated	4	3/13/2025	
Midlands Workforce Development Committee	Natashi Johnson	Unincorporated	2	3/13/2025	
Midlands Workforce Development Committee	Eric Devan	Unincorporated	2	3/13/2025	
Midlands Workforce Development Committee	Carolyn Williams	Unincorporated	8	3/15/2025	
Midlands Workforce Development Committee	Danail Wilkins	Unincorporated	1	3/17/2025	
Midlands Workforce Development Committee	Michael Myers	Unincorporated	9	3/17/2025	
Midlands Workforce Development Committee	Christine Simmons	Unincorporated	6	3/18/2025	
Midlands Workforce Development Committee	Michael Eargle	Unincorporated	4	3/18/2025	
Midlands Workforce Development Committee	Lia Smith Christopher	Unincorporated	7	3/19/2025	
Midlands Workforce Development Committee	Kyle Caldwell	Columbia	9	3/20/2025	
Midlands Workforce Development Committee	Mark Broughton	Unincorporated	1	3/31/2025	
Midlands Workforce Development Committee	Claudia McMillian	Unincorporated	9	3/31/2025	
Midlands Workforce Development Committee	Andrew Rice	Forest Acres	3	4/4/2025	
Midlands Workforce Development Committee	Melita Riley	Unincorporated	11	4/11/2025	
<b>Music Festival Commission</b>					
Music Festival Commission	Moses Ellis	Unincorporated	4	3/14/2025	**Currently No Vacancies
<b>Procurement Review Panel</b>					
Procurement Review Panel	Tammie Otto	Unincorporated	10	3/13/2025	
Procurement Review Panel	Eric Pinckney	Unincorporated	1	3/14/2025	
Procurement Review Panel	Tom Cooper	Unincorporated	9	3/14/2025	
<b>Richland Memorial Hospital Board</b>					
Richland Memorial Hospital Board	Dr. Traci Young Cooper	Unincorporated	2	1/14/2025	**Currently No Vacancies

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<b>Riverbanks Park Commission</b>						
Riverbanks Park Commission	Damitchell Moore	Unincorporated	9	11/20/2024	**Currently No Vacancies	
Riverbanks Park Commission	Cristofer Llanes	Unincorporated	2	4/2/2025	**Currently No Vacancies	
<b>Township Auditorium</b>						
Township Auditorium	Charles Mulls	Unincorporated	7	10/28/2024	**Currently No Vacancies	

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