

Boards & Commissions Application



I am interested in serving on the following boards/commissions. (Please indicate the order of preference).

1. Harrisonburg Electric Commission

2. _____

As an applicant/member of a Council-appointed Board or Commission, your name, address, and phone number will be available to the press and public. Information will be kept on file for three years. Public discussion of information contained herein may occur in the meeting at which appointments are considered by the City Council.

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.

(Please type or print clearly)

Name: Bauhan Hobart "Hobey" P. Date: 11-7-19
(Last) (First) (M.I)

Home Address: 1100 Ridgewood Road, Harrisonburg, VA 22801 Own/Rent? own

Phone Number: 540-478-8199 Alternate Phone: 540-433-2451

Occupation: President Employer/Organization: Virginia Poultry Federation

E-mail: Hobey@vapoultry.com Harrisonburg resident for 22 years.

Were you referred by anyone: Yes No Name of Referring Party: N/A

How did you hear about volunteering on a board or commission? Cable Website Council Meeting
Other: N/A

Why do you wish to serve on a board or commission?

As a resident of Harrisonburg, I believe it is important for me to volunteer my time and talents to organizations that help our city be an extraordinary place to live, work, or operate a business.

What relevant experience or education do you have to this board or commission?

I have already served nearly a term on the HEC, which gives me knowledge and experience to continue providing effective leadership to the organization. Additionally, for 22 years I have led the trade association for one of Harrisonburg's largest industries (poultry), which helps me understand the economic importance of affordable, efficient, and reliable electric power. As a homeowner in the city for more than 20 years, I also bring the perspective of a longtime HEC residential customer. I have also been involved in numerous state and local boards over the years, which provides an understanding of a variety of organizational structures and operations and effective board governance. I have a BA in European History from Washington and Lee University (1988) with course work in economics, accounting, journalism, and other areas and participated in the UVA Sorensen Institute's Political Leaders Program (2006).

What other interests or concerns do you have regarding the community?

It is important to me that Harrisonburg remain a well-run city with moderate taxes, affordable and reliable utilities, a quality educational system, efficient transportation routes and services for our growing population, a business-friendly environment as well as a welcoming community that embraces diversity. In addition to HEC, I have been involved in some other groups over the years that address some aspects of these concerns: Harrisonburg Education Foundation Board (2014-17; Skyline Literacy Coalition Board (President 2007-8); and Harrisonburg-Rockingham County Chamber of Commerce Board (Chairman 2013).

Please list any past or present community involvement e.g. City Council, Board and Commissions, Citizen Academy, etc. in Harrisonburg or elsewhere:

- Harrisonburg Electric Commission, Appointed by Harrisonburg City Council, 2017
- Virginia Board of Workforce Development, Appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe in 2015 and reappointed by Governor Ralph Northam in 2019
- Harrisonburg Education Foundation, Board of Directors, 2014-2017
- Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, 2007-2014, Chair (2013)
- Governor's Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates (2002-2013)
- Skyline Literacy Coalition, Board of Directors, 2005 – 2009
- Skyline Literacy Coalition, President, 2007 - 2008
- Shenandoah Valley Pure Water Forum, Board of Directors

-Please return completed application to the City Manager's Office-

Applicants are encouraged to attach a resume or other supporting information that may be helpful to Council in considering their application.

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