



Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee

Boards & Commissions Vacancy Report

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name
Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority (7 members) (page 2)	Member of the banking, lending or financial services community* (1 vacancy)	Alexis Houlihan 3 rd District Resident (page 3) Kenneth Smither 3 rd District Resident (page 5)
Participatory Budgeting Steering Commission (11 Members) (page 7)	City resident who resides in a Council district located north of the James River (2 vacancies)	Abigail Delaney 5 th District Resident Currently a non-voting alternate member (reappointment, page 9) Max Berckmueller 5 th District Resident Member of Social Services Advisory Board (page 10) Peter Berry 2 nd District Resident (page 13)
	City residents – non-voting alternate members (2 vacancies)	<i>No applications</i>
	City resident who resides in a Council district located south of the James River (2 vacancies)	<i>No applications</i>
	Resident of public housing (1 vacancy)	<i>No applications</i>
	Resident of the city who is a person with a disability (1 vacancy)	<i>No applications</i>

*Applicants must either reside or have a principal place of employment in the city.

Economic Development Authority

*Vacancies as of
November 9, 2025*

The Economic Development Authority shall be governed by a board of directors in which all powers of the authority shall be vested, and which board shall be composed of seven directors. (Code of Virginia § 15.2-4904)

Each Director of the Economic Development Authority **shall be a resident of the City.** Of the authority's seven (7) directors:

One (1) member shall be of the residential, commercial or mixed-use development community

One (1) member shall be of the banking, lending or financial services community

One (1) member shall be a member of the Virginia State Bar

One (1) member shall be a certified public accountant licensed by the State

The remaining directors may but need not necessarily belong to one of the groups set forth in the previous sentence so long as their qualifications provide a positive benefit to the authority. (Code of the City of Richmond § 2-759)

(Assigned to the Finance & Economic Development Standing Committee)

Current Vacancies				
Member Name	Criteria for Appointment	Live / Work District	Term	Terminate
John Molster	Financial Services	1 st	Third	09/28/2025
			Term limit	
Current Membership				
Member Name	Criteria for Appointment	Live/Work District	Term	Terminate
Nupa Agarwal	Attorney	1 st	Third	03/22/2026
Jeron Crooks	Certified Public Accountant	6 th	First	04/26/2026
Evan Feinman	Citizen Member	1 st	Second	05/12/2026
Nathan V. Hughes	Member of the residential, commercial or mixed-use development community	3 rd	Second	11/28/2025
Jared Loiben	Citizen Member	2 nd	First	01/28/2029
Jer’Mykeal McCoy	Citizen Member	5 th	First	07/25/2028

Contact:

Angie Rodgers

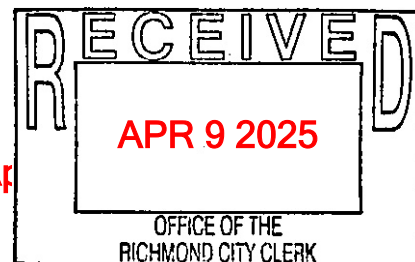
Director of the Department of Economic Development

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Authorities, Boards, Commissions, and Task Forces Appointments



(Name of Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Title:

Name: Alexis Houlihan

Home Address: 005017 E SEMINARY AVE RICHMOND VA 23227

Home Telephone: 7038886352 Home Fax:

Personal E-Mail Address: lexi1994@gmail.com

Employer: Godsey & Gibb Wealth Management

Job Title: Financial Planner & Wealth Management Advisor How Long?

Business Address: 006806 PARAGON PL RICHMOND VA 23230

Business Telephone: 804-285-7333 Ext: Business Fax:

Business E-Mail Address: ahoulihan@godseyandgibb.com

Is Your Place of Employment Located in the city of Richmond? No

Is your Place of Employment Located in the County? Yes If Yes, Which County? Henrico

Are You A City Resident? Yes If Yes, Which City Council District? 3 Number of Years? 5

Do you or your employer have a contract, other than a contract of employment, either with the city of Richmond or with the entity to which you are seeking appointment? No

If yes, please provide information on the nature of the contract.

Please List Your Educational Background and/or Other Expertise or Qualifications You Will Bring to This Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force:

I hold a Bachelor's degree in Finance from Virginia Tech, where I completed the Certified Financial Planner™ education track. I am a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional with over eight years of experience in financial planning and wealth management. My work focuses on helping individuals and families align their financial decisions with long-term goals, and I specialize in areas such as investment strategy, retirement planning, small business planning, and strategic tax management.

In addition to my technical expertise, I bring strong communication and relationship-building skills, which have allowed me to foster collaborative client partnerships and lead strategic initiatives within my firm. I am passionate about contributing to Richmond's economic vitality and believe my background in finance, paired with my ties to the community, will bring a practical and people-centered perspective to the Economic

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Development Authority.

List other city of Richmond Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Task Forces you currently or have previously served on. Please give date(s) and office(s) held, if applicable.

N/A

Other Community Involvement:

While I haven't had the opportunity to engage in formal community roles in the past, I'm now in a new position that offers greater flexibility and the ability to commit my time and energy to civic involvement. I've been looking for meaningful ways to give back locally, and I see this as a great opportunity to use my professional skillset in service to the Richmond community.

(OPTIONAL) Please List Additional Information You Would Like Considered, or You May Copy and Paste Your Short Resume.

Now that I'm in a role that offers greater flexibility, I'm intentionally creating space to contribute more directly to my community. I've long been interested in civic engagement, particularly around economic development, small business support, and financial empowerment. I see this opportunity as a way to connect my professional experience with my desire to give back locally in a meaningful, sustained way. As someone who lives and works in Richmond, I care deeply about the city's future and would be honored to support the thoughtful growth and economic vitality of our community through this service.

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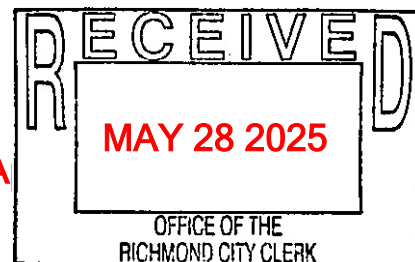
While exploring civic engagement opportunities through the city.

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(Name of Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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Home Address: 003508 SEMINARY AVE RICHMOND VA 23227
Home Telephone: 804-690-1232 Home Fax: 804-270-5494
Personal E-Mail Address: ksmither@verizon.net
Employer: Smither & Company, Inc
Job Title: President How Long?
Business Address: 003508 SEMINARY AVE RICHMOND VA 23227
Business Telephone: 804-270-5488 Ext: 2 Business Fax: 804-270-5494
Business E-Mail Address: ksmither@smitherandcompany.com
Is Your Place of Employment Located in the city of Richmond? Yes
Is your Place of Employment Located in the County? No If Yes, Which County?
Are You A City Resident? Yes If Yes, Which City Council District? Number of Years? 12

Do you or your employer have a contract, other than a contract of employment, either with the city of Richmond or with the entity to which you are seeking appointment? No

If yes, please provide information on the nature of the contract.

Please List Your Educational Background and/or Other Expertise or Qualifications You Will Bring to This Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force:

I am an experienced and proven financial executive and entrepreneur, with broad experience as a commercial lender, an investor in private entities, an investment banker handling complex financial transactions, and a past board member of several very successful private companies, including Service Center Metals, a true greenfield start-up where I was instrumental in the business plan creation and capitalization of this Virginia-based aluminum extrusion manufacturer that has enjoyed tremendous success and growth with current employment in excess of 250 associates. I served on the Board of Directors until its sale to an affiliate of The Riverstone Group in 2019. I also founded Specialty Coating & Laminating, LLC ("SC&L") in 2010 to acquire a 250,000 sq ft manufacturing facility in Doswell, Va. SC&L was named #1 on the RVA list of fastest growing companies, and we also ranked # 343 on the Inc 500 list of fastest growing private companies in the United States. In 2015 Specialty Coating & Laminating was successfully

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sold to Interstate Resources, Inc, a large strategic buyer.

My deep experience working with privately held companies in raising debt and equity capital, combined with my experience as an owner/advisor to several entities provides me with a unique perspective in building a successful company. I believe I can be a valuable resource to the EDA in working to attract

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I received my B.S. in Finance from the University of Virginia's McIntire School of Commerce in 1982, and immediately joined First & Merchants National Bank (now Bank of America), where I advanced quickly into a commercial lending role, responsible for originating and managing a large portfolio of commercial loans. In 1989, I entered the investment banking industry where I provided merger and acquisition services and structured and placed debt and equity securities for companies throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. In 1996 I formed Smither & Company, where I serve as President and sole owner. Over the past 29 years my firm has structured, negotiated and placed over \$1.5 Billion in commercial loans, structured financings, conduit financings through municipal authorities, and private debt placements.

Other Community Involvement:

None. I have previously applied to be a member of the Economic Development Authority.

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I was a member of the Richmond Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth for many years, and served as a guest lecturer for several years at VCU's undergraduate business school entrepreneurship curriculum. I am a City of Richmond resident (as is my daughter, son-in-law and grandson) and have closely followed the City of Richmond's economic development efforts over the years.

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*1996 - Present Smither & Company, Inc
Founder and sole owner of Smither & Company, a Richmond-base*

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Participatory Budgeting Steering Commission

*Vacancies as of
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The Commission shall be composed of **seven members** and **four non-voting alternate members** appointed by the Council. All appointments shall be otherwise governed by sections 2-755 and 2-756 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended.

- (1) 2 - voting members shall reside in a Council district located north of the James River;
- (2) 3 - voting members shall reside in a Council district located south of the James River;
- (3) 1 - voting member shall be a person with a disability;
- (4) 1 - voting member shall be a resident of public housing;
- (5) 4 - non-voting alternate members shall be residents of the city of Richmond and may be appointed from any Council district.

Membership of the Commission should possess experience and expertise concerning various aspects of community investment and development, public finance, urban planning, community health and wellbeing, community organization, and community outreach that may be relevant to the consideration of formulating standards and procedures for participatory budgeting.

The voting members and non-voting alternate members shall serve for terms of two years and may serve up to two consecutive terms.

(Assigned to the Finance and Economic Development Standing Committee)

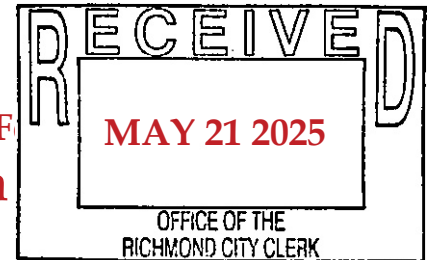
Current Vacancies				
Member Name	Criteria for Appointment	Live / Work District	Term	Terminate
Vacant	Person with a disability			
Abigail Delaney	Alternate member (Non-voting)	5 th	First	09/27/2025
			Application included	
Tiffany Gunn	Reside in a Council district located south of the James River	9 th	Partial	09/27/2025
			Contacted – no response received	
Troi Hughes	Reside in a Council district located south of the James River	9 th	Second	09/27/2025
			Contacted – no response received	
Jerome Legions	Alternate member (Non-voting)	2 nd	Second	09/27/2025
			Term limit	
Aaron Linas	Reside in a Council district located north of the James River	7 th	Second	09/27/2025
			Term limit	
Oludare Ogunde	Reside in a Council district located north of the James River	7 th	Second	09/27/2025
			Term limit	
Quawneisha People	Resident of public housing	8 th	First	11/13/2024
			Contacted – no response received	
Current Membership				
Member Name	Criteria for Appointment	Live / Work District	Term	Terminate
Reginald Bates	Reside in a Council district located south of the James River	8 th	First	11/11/2026
James Boschen	Alternate member (Non-voting)	1 st	First	05/12/2026
Samuel Davies	Alternate member (Non-voting)	3 rd	First	05/12/2026

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Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Task Force
Reappointment Application



(Please Print or Type)

Name of Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force:	
Participatory Budgeting Steering Commission	
Title: Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☒ Miss. ☐ Dr. ☐ Other: ☐	
Last Name: Delaney	First Name: Abigail
Home Street Address: 13 S Robinson St. Apt. B	Home Telephone:
Home City, Zip Code: Richmond, VA 23220	Home Fax:
Personal E-Mail Address: abigailgracedelaney@gmail.com	
Employer: Keiter CPAs	
Job Title: Senior Associate - Audit	How Long? 4+ Years
Business Street Address: 4401 Dominion Blvd	Business Telephone:
Business City, Zip Code: Glen Allen, VA 23060	Business Fax:
Business E-Mail Address: adelaney@keitercpa.com	
Is your place of employment located in the city of Richmond? Yes ☐ No ☒	
Is your place of employment located in the county? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, which county?	
Are you a city resident? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, which City Council district? 5 Number of years? 3+	
Do you or your employer have a contract, other than a contract of employment, either with the city of Richmond or with the entity to which you are seeking appointment? Yes ☐ No ☒	
If yes, please provide information on the nature of the contract.	
Signature: <u>Abigail G. Delaney</u> Date: <u>05/21/2025</u>	
(By signing, forwarding or otherwise transmitting this form, you certify that all information submitted for consideration is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.)	

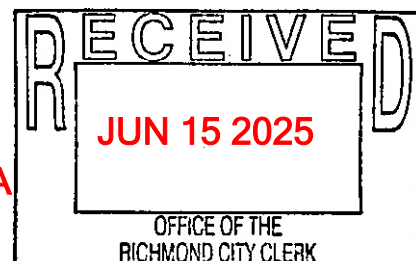
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Authorities, Boards, Commissions, and Task Forces A



(Name of Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force)

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING STEERING COMMISSION

Title: Mr.

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Home Telephone: 7578695157

Home Fax:

Personal E-Mail Address: maxberckmueller@gmail.com

Employer: Commonwealth of Virginia - Department of the Treasury

Job Title: Policy Planning Specialist

How Long? 2

Business Address: 000101 N 14TH ST RICHMOND VA 23219

Business Telephone:

Ext:

Business

Fax:

Business E-Mail Address:

Is Your Place of Employment Located in the city of Richmond? Yes

Is your Place of Employment Located in the County? No

If Yes, Which County?

Are You A City Resident? Yes

If Yes, Which City Council District? 5

Number of Years? 1

Do you or your employer have a contract, other than a contract of employment, either with the city of Richmond or with the entity to which you are seeking appointment? No

If yes, please provide information on the nature of the contract.

Please List Your Educational Background and/or Other Expertise or Qualifications You Will Bring to This Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force:

During my time as a student at William & Mary, I served as a class senator in the student government. In this role, I regularly engaged with student groups and campus communities to determine how best to allocate university-provided funding to enhance student life. This included conducting listening sessions, attending club meetings, and holding informal conversations with student leaders to better understand their needs and priorities. These insights informed the proposals and initiatives I developed to improve the student experience. I believe this hands-on experience in collaborative budgeting and community engagement has prepared me well to serve Richmond's diverse communities on the Participatory Budgeting Steering Commission.

Additionally, I completed a graduate course in budgeting and finance for public sector organizations through Virginia Tech's public policy program. This course focused on how public sector budgeting—particularly in

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Virginia—differs from traditional private-sector financial practices. The knowledge I gained from this experience further strengthens my ability to contribute meaningfully to the commission's work. I also served on the City of Williamsburg's Social Services Advisory Board, where I helped develop an annual budget proposal for nonprofit funding allocations, which was submitted to the Williamsburg City Council. This process required careful

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I currently serve on the City of Richmond's Social Services Advisory Board and began in this role in March of this year. Additionally, I served on the City of Williamsburg Social Services Advisory Board for a period of two years from 2022-2024.

Other Community Involvement:

Since moving to Richmond, I have become actively involved in several community organizations that serve vulnerable populations. I volunteer regularly with Beyond Boundaries and SOAR365, which has allowed me to engage directly with individuals with disabilities and special needs in the Richmond area.

I have also worked closely in building a relationship with Partnership for the Future, a Richmond-based nonprofit that supports low-income students in building college and career readiness, as a part of my fellowship I am completing. Through this partnership, I have helped organize a career workshop and introduced students to careers in state and local public service, among other enrichment activities.

In addition, I serve as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for the City of Richmond.

(OPTIONAL) Please List Additional Information You Would Like Considered, or You May Copy and Paste Your Short Resume.

*EDUCATION: William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia
Bachelor of Arts, Major: Government, Minor: Data Science*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fellow, Virginia Management Fellows (VMF) Program August 2023 - Present

Selected for a two-year Fellowship program with the Commonwealth of Virginia. As a Fellow, I will be employed at three state agencies for successive 8-month periods where I receive mentorship and specialized training in that field

Virginia Department of Social Services

Prepared agency-wide training sessions involving more than 100 participants for upcoming General Assembly session

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Researched, developed, and wrote several agency regulations which were presented to State Board of Social Services

Assisted with implementing changes to funding structure for localities including drafting statewide communications

Completed 8-month agency report researching administrative structure of agency at the state and local level. Involved meeting with colleagues throughout the state and other social service agencies across the country to understand how to improve service delivery

Virginia Governor's Fellowship Program *May 2023 - August 2023*

Secretary of Health and Human Resources

Researched and developed 7 legislative proposals to be introduced to the Virginia legislature and regulations mandated by Virginia code regarding issues including Medicaid, public housing, transgender care, SNAP, price transparency, public hospitals, and foster care policy

Streamlined grant requests and provided data analysis on state programs

Helped research, plan, and execute over a dozen events for the Governor and Secretary of HHR

VOLUNTEERING AND SERVICE

Member, Williamsburg Social Services Advisory Board *July 2022 - August 2023*

Assists local Department of Social Services with strategic and financial planning and monitoring, workforce management, programs and services, community events, and fundraising as the second student elected by Williamsburg City Council

Allocated over \$1M annually in grant funding to local non-profits organizations

Class Senator, Student Assembly, William & Mary *June 2021 - August 2023*

Elected by fellow students to serve as one of four Class Senators to provide effective student governance

Collaborated on initiatives, including fighting food insecurity among students, reformed election rules and regulations, improved relations between city residents and students, and increased biking safety on campus

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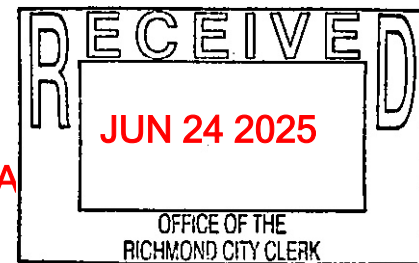
I was familiar with the concept of participatory budgeting through my education and heard that the C

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PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING STEERING COMMISSION

Title:

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Home Telephone: *703-597-9928* Home Fax:

Personal E-Mail Address: *ptberry1@gmail.com*

Employer: *Retired*

Job Title: How Long?

Business Address: *VA*

Business Telephone: Ext: Business Fax:

Business E-Mail Address:

Is Your Place of Employment Located in the city of Richmond? *No*

Is your Place of Employment Located in the County? *No* If Yes, Which County?

Are You A City Resident? *Yes* If Yes, Which City Council District? *2* Number of Years?

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If yes, please provide information on the nature of the contract.

Please List Your Educational Background and/or Other Expertise or Qualifications You Will Bring to This Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force:

Served one term as a delegate for the People's Budget of Richmond

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B.A., University of Virginia, 1992

Other Community Involvement:

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