

Waterfront Commission

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Applicant	Date	Boards	Address	Contact	Status
Melissa Butler Kuennen	11/28/2025	Waterfront Commission Contested	Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.): Yes		Validated
Tiffany Wagner	11/28/2025	Waterfront Commission Contested	Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.): Yes		Validated

Melissa Butler Kuennen

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Status		Board	Vacancies	Status
Name	Melissa Butler Kuennen	Waterfront Commission	1	Contested
Application Date	11/28/2025			
Expiration Date	6/28/2026			
Board Member	Melissa Kuennen			
Status	Validated			

Basic Information

Name
Melissa Butler Kuennen

Date of Birth
REDACTED

Contact Information

Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria.
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Yes

Email
REDACTED

Alternate email
REDACTED

Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
Retired

Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member
New Applicant

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)
Citizen North of King Street / East of N. Washington Street

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria? NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.
Yes

How long have you lived in Alexandria?
12 years

Statement of Interest (Do not include personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.)
Jurisdiction of the Waterfront Commission extends from Jones Point north to Dangerfield Island, and I believe appointing a Commissioner who not only lives north of King Street, but also north of Founders Park, would be an additional asset to the Commission. The central waterfront has been a key focus area for the Commission and has several representatives, but the northern waterfront currently has only one representative from that area. I am a retired architect with experience in planning and design of municipal, institutional and transit-oriented development projects. As a resident of Old Town North, a bicyclist and a dog owner, I have become very familiar with every part of the Mount Vernon Trail from the former power plant site all the way to Jones Point. I have observed the condition of the shoreline during seasonal flooding at Oronoco Bay Park, the extensive public use of both Rivergate Park and Oronoco Bay Park, and the significance of creating and maintaining shoreline access to the public along the entire Alexandria waterfront. I have been a board member of the North Old Town Independent Citizens Association (NOTICE) for the last 5 years and currently serve as Vice President for Development. Our mission is to educate the residents of OTN about the goals of the Small Area Plan (which includes our waterfront), communicate with the city about OTN development projects and how they can be designed to enhance the character of the neighborhood, connect neighbors who have common interests in improving our community, and be stewards of the Old Town North neighborhood. NOTICE has been focusing on the development of the former power plant site into a multi-year, multi-phase project. The treatment of the shoreline and public access to the river front is a key factor in this project's success for the city of Alexandria. Recently NOTICE worked with the Founders Park Civic Association and spoke at the Waterfront Commission regarding the schedule for public access to the waterfront at Robinson Terminal North. I have attended a dozen or so Waterfront Commission meetings in the past 18 months to observe, learn or to speak as a citizen or NOTICE board member about issues concerning our precious waterfront. I would be honored and delighted to bring my expertise to the Waterfront Commission.

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?
Yes (Please explain), Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee 2020 - 2025

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?
Yes

Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?
No

Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?
No

Attendance Requirements: Sec. 2-4-7 of the City Code requires appointees to attend at least 75% of the yearly committee meetings. Absences may be excused because of personal illness or serious illness of members of the immediate family, death of a family member, unscheduled business trips and emergency work assignments only. All other absences are recorded as unexcused. In light of the aforementioned statement, will you be able to attend at least 75% of the regular meetings of the board which you may be appointed?

Yes

If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867 regarding the completion of a financial disclosure statement?

Yes

Educational Background

B Architecture Project Management Certification

Summary of Work and Experience

As an architect with 40 years of design, management and business development experience, I have been following the variety of urban design, building and waterfront projects in Alexandria since I moved here from Boston in the fall of 2013. I transferred to the DC area after a 35-year architectural career in projects for public agencies and institutions, and transportation oriented development. My career continued here in the DC area for another 5 years before I retired in 2018. Community Participation Over the last 35 years I have been appointed to multiple national and local professional association boards and served on statewide and municipal designer selection committees as well as local design review committees. In Alexandria I actively participated in the Old Town North Small Area Plan community meetings in 2016 – 2017, the Potomac Yards North Small Area Plan community meetings in 2016 – 2017 and joined the Board of the North Old Town Independent Civic association in 2021. I now serve as VP for Development and assist the board and members with questions on development projects in OTN. I have attended multiple meetings of the Waterfront Commission over the past 18 months due to my interest in preserving public access to the shoreline and the character of the waterfront parks. Work Experience – 5 years prior to Retirement Leo A Daly: Washington DC - Market Sector Leader for Higher Education, Nov 2015 - March 2018. I was appointed to expand an existing market sector for the office and successfully won a key project within a month. My tenure ended with retirement 18 months later. Dewberry Architects: Fairfax VA - Market Sector Leader, Oct 2013 - Feb 2015. After less than a year of successful leadership in Boston, I was invited by the President to transfer to Fairfax to create a new market sector in Federal contracts. Dewberry Architects: Boston MA - Office Director and Business Development Director for New Markets, Aug 2012 - Sept 2013. My experience over 35 years in Boston was utilized to expand the current client markets into city and state agency clients. Educational Background B. Architecture Syracuse University 1978 Licensed Architect, Massachusetts 1982 - 2016 Licensed Architect, Maryland 2015 - 2018 NCARB Certification 1984 - 2018 Project Management Certificate 2006

References - Please list names, phone number and/or email addresses of three references that support your application.

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Would you like to complete the Supplemental Questions? Non-Discrimination Data Supplemental Questions For Applications to City Boards, Commissions, and Committees Confidential - NOT FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION Completion of this section is VOLUNTARY. When completed, the section is separated and redacted from your application prior to the application's submission to City Council. COUNCIL AND STAFF DO NOT USE THIS FORM IN DETERMINING APPOINTMENTS. Information provided in this section is treated confidentially and the information is forwarded to the Alexandria Office on Human Rights for compilation of statistics.

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Gender

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Sexual Orientation

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Ethnicity

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Do you have a disability?

REDACTED

How did you hear of this vacancy?

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Tiffany Wagner

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Board Member	Tiffany Wagner			
Status	Validated			

Basic Information

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Tiffany Wagner

Date of Birth
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Contact Information

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Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

Job Title
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New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

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citizen

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Yes

How long have you lived in Alexandria?

since 2007 except 2010-2014 and 2017-2019 due to military assignments

Statement of Interest (Do not include personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.)

I live on the waterfront in Old Town North and the development and preservation of this area is of great interest to me and my family.

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

No

Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?

No

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Yes

Educational Background

B.A., J.D., LL.M., M.S.

Summary of Work and Experience

Served in the Air Force JAG Corps for 21 years. Recently started working as the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Court for the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

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