

Commission for the Arts

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Applicant	Date	Address	Contact	Status
Paul Robert Painter	12/27/2024	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
Julio Ramirez	12/28/2024	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
Dr. Dawn Rogala	11/23/2024	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
Ms. Megan Elizabeth Thrift	12/31/2024	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 Williams	1/6/2025	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

Paul Robert Painter

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Status

Name Paul Robert Painter
Application Date 12/27/2024
Expiration Date 7/27/2025
Board Member [Paul Painter](#)
Status Validated

Board	Vacancies	Status	Actions
Commission for the Arts	1	Contested (Incumbent)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Basic Information

Name
Paul Robert Painter
Date of Birth
REDACTED

Contact Information

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
Email
REDACTED
Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
Library of Congress
Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member

Current Member of This Board

How many terms have you served?

1

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)

Arts Consumer

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?

6.5 years

Statement of Interest

I have been serving as an active member of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts since 2022. I currently serve on the Executive Board of the Commission. I also currently serve on the Site/See Public Art Task Force which oversees the public art installations at Alexandria's waterfront. During my over three years on the Commission, I served two years on the Alexandria Office of the Arts Program Grants Task Force, served on the Public Arts Workplan Task Force and was a member of the Torpedo Factory Loading Door Mural Task Force. I have attended numerous Arts Commission and arts-related events over the past three years and have endeavored to keep abreast of new developments in the City of Alexandria and how they might affect the Arts. I have enjoyed learning about and contributing to the arts in Alexandria and would like to continue to do so for the next three years.

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

Yes (Please explain), I am currently First Vice-Chair of the Commission for the Arts.

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

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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

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Virginia Commonwealth University. Master of Business Administration, Marymount University.

Summary of Work and Experience

Extensive experience in law, specifically in the intellectual property.

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

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Julio Ramirez

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Name Julio Ramirez
Application Date 12/28/2024
Expiration Date 7/28/2025
Board Member [Julio Ramirez](#)
Status Validated

Board	Vacancies	Status	Actions
Commission for the Arts	1	Contested	<input type="checkbox"/>

Basic Information

Name
Julio Ramirez
Date of Birth
REDACTED

Contact Information

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
Email
REDACTED
Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
RS&H
Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)

Public At-Large

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

I've lived in Alexandria for the past 12 years and would love to contribute to the arts in the community and support the structure and programs in place to advance them. While professionally I've worked in finance for the past 20 years, my focus is predominantly on small and medium sized businesses, so I'm very familiar with the nuance and grit needed to help those establishments succeed. Outside of work, I live in Old Town with my wife and 6 year old daughter, and we love to stay engaged in the community. My interest in the arts has generally been centered on music and theater, but enjoy developing all forms. I've previously served on BFACC for Alexandria City and am finalizing a Board term with a local non-profit called Arts on the Horizon. With those two items winding down, I would love to get involved in the Alexandria Arts Commission and help in what ever way possible.

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

Yes (Please explain), Previously served on BFACC

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

Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

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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

University of California Berkeley - BA in Business Administration and Economics University of Chicago - MBA

Summary of Work and Experience

RS&H - SVP of Finance (2 years) Quantum Spatial - VP of Finance (7 years) Delta Career Education - Director of Finance (5 years) Accenture - Management Consultant (5 years) Board Member (Treasure) - Arts on the Horizon - Local Alexandria Arts Non-Profit Previously Served on BFACC

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

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REDACTED

Gender

REDACTED

Sexual Orientation

REDACTED

Ethnicity

REDACTED

Do you have a disability?

REDACTED

How did you hear of this vacancy?

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Dr. Dawn Rogala

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Status

Name Dr. Dawn Rogala
Application Date 11/23/2024
Expiration Date 5/23/2025
Board Member [Dawn Rogala](#)
Status Validated

Board	Vacancies	Status	Actions
Commission for the Arts	1	Contested (Incumbent)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Basic Information

Name
Dr. Dawn Rogala

Contact Information

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
Email
REDACTED
Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
Smithsonian Institution
Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member

Current Member of This Board

How many terms have you served?

1

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)

Professional in Field/Arts Disciplines

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?

17 years

Statement of Interest

Dear City Council members, I am currently completing my first term on the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and am interested in continuing for a second term. Through my service on the commission I have gained a better understanding of the depth and impact of the arts in Alexandria, and have worked to support that community and spread the word about the treasures our city has to offer. Examples of my service in the past three years include serving on a public art task force in support of the city's small area plan, serving for two consecutive years on the Art Grants Task Force (reviewing and scoring applications, actively participating in related public meetings and post-award meetings with applicants to provide feedback), successfully advocating to City Council for increased grant funding to meet increased venue charges and cost of living increases, and meeting with City Council members to discuss additional ways to support Alexandria's vibrant arts community. I also participated in organizing the recent exhibition in celebration of the Commission for the Arts' 40th birthday. I am an engaged participant in the Commission for the Arts and would like to continue to serve our city by continuing to serve on the Commission. I have attached my current resume with this application; if you have any questions or need further information, please let me know. I am also happy to meet to discuss any questions you may have regarding my service. Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your own service to our city.

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

Yes (Please explain), former Historic Resources Commission member; current Commission for the Arts member

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

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Yes

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Yes

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Ms. Megan Elizabeth Thrift

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Application Date 12/31/2024
Expiration Date 7/31/2025
Board Member [Megan Elizabeth Thrift](#)
Status Validated

Board	Vacancies	Status	Actions
Commission for the Arts	1	Contested	<input type="checkbox"/>

Basic Information

Name
Ms. Megan Elizabeth Thrift
Date of Birth
REDACTED

Contact Information

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
Email
REDACTED
Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
Leading Authorities, Inc
Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)

One Member with Expertise in the Arts

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?

11 years

Statement of Interest

Dear Members of the City Council Commission of the Arts, I am writing to express my enthusiastic desire to join the City Council Commission of the Arts for Alexandria City. As a professional theatre artist and arts educator, I am deeply committed to fostering the vitality of our arts community and ensuring equitable access to cultural expression for all residents. My years of experience have given me a profound understanding of the transformative power of the arts in building connections, fostering empathy, and enriching the social fabric of a community. Having worked in the creative sector as both a practitioner and educator, I bring a unique perspective on the needs and aspirations of artists, audiences, and students. I am eager to contribute this perspective to the commission's mission of advising the City Council on policies that strengthen the arts and expand public access to cultural resources. In alignment with the commission's functions, I am particularly drawn to the opportunity to: Collaborate on reviewing and refining grant application standards to ensure accountability and fairness in the allocation of city funds to eligible organizations and initiatives. Assist in evaluating and shaping the public art annual work plan, contributing to innovative and meaningful projects that resonate with Alexandria's diverse community. Provide thoughtful input on artist selection and concept development for public art projects, ensuring these initiatives reflect and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of our city. Act as a citizen liaison to city planning initiatives involving public art, advocating for the integration of creative expression in urban development and public spaces. I am also inspired by the commission's role in public communication and outreach. As an arts educator, I have honed my ability to engage diverse audiences and foster dialogue around the arts. I look forward to supporting initiatives that amplify the voices of artists and invite broader community participation in cultural planning and appreciation. Alexandria's vibrant arts scene is one of its greatest assets, and I believe my experience and passion make me uniquely suited to help nurture its growth. Together, we can ensure the arts remain a cornerstone of our city's identity and an accessible resource for all its residents. Thank you for considering my application. I am excited about the possibility of contributing to the important work of the City Council Commission of the Arts and look forward to the opportunity to support Alexandria's thriving cultural landscape. Sincerely, Megan Thrift

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

Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

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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

BA in Theatre/Minor in Dance from George Mason University, May 2010 Masters in Theatre Education, George Mason University, May 2015

Summary of Work and Experience

Theatre Arts Educator/Teaching Artist at AFYP, Arena Stage, Keegan Theatre, Roundhouse Theatre and Shakespeare Theatre. K-12 Theater Educator for FCPS for 10 years, 9 of which were at Robinson Secondary School - multi award winning program. Additionally led workshops and professional developments for other teachers (including ACPS) in specialized technical theatre subjects and International Baccalaureate. Directed/designed/performed in over 40 theatrical productions in DC regional theatres, including Keegan Theater, Rorschach Theatre, Theatre Alliance and more. 3 International productions brought to Edinburgh Fringe (2016, 2018, 2022), and 2 touring productions in Ireland (2010, 2011) Amateur visual artist (acrylics, watercolor), enjoying many classes at Torpedo Factory.

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REDACTED

Gender

REDACTED

Sexual Orientation

REDACTED

Ethnicity

REDACTED

Do you have a disability?

REDACTED

How did you hear of this vacancy?

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Tiffany Williams

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Status

Name Tiffany Williams
Application Date 1/6/2025
Expiration Date 8/6/2025
Board Member [Tiffany Williams](#)
Status Validated

Board	Vacancies	Status	Actions
Commission for the Arts	1	Contested	<input type="checkbox"/>

Basic Information

Name
Tiffany Williams
Date of Birth
REDACTED

Contact Information

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
Email
REDACTED
Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
U.S. Department of State Office of Art in Embassies
Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member

Former Member

Please list the board:

Commission for the Arts

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)

Professional in field of art disciplines

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?

Since 2016

Statement of Interest

As a resident of Alexandria, I would be thrilled to support my community by serving on a city commission particularly on Commission for the Arts. As a professional curator, I work directly with artists on temporary and permanent artworks and commissions and believe I can support the efforts of this commissions in promoting art and artists in Alexandria. Thank you for your consideration of my application.

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

Yes (Please explain), I previously served on this commission

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

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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

M.A. History of Decorative Arts, George Mason University

Summary of Work and Experience

U.S. Department of State Office of Art in Embassies; Corning Museum of Glass

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

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