

Application

Profile

FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

All appointments to City Boards and Commissions are made by the City Council. Applications are reviewed and forwarded to City Council by the Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions. Please complete this application in its entirety. Incomplete applications will not be forwarded to City Council. All applicants are encouraged to contact City Council members by email to introduce themselves and express their desire to serve.

APPLICANTS MAY ONLY APPLY FOR ONE VACANCY AT A TIME. DUPLICATE/MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

Alvah T.
First Name

Beander
Last Name

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Date of Birth

Home Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

22554
Postal Code

Melanin Art Appraisals, LLC
Employer

President/Fine Art Appraiser
Job Title

Applicants may only apply for **ONE** board/commission/committee. Please note: If more than one board is selected, your applications **will not** move forward for City Council consideration.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Commission For The Arts: Submitted

Which position are you applying for?

Professional field of art and culture

Demographics

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 No

If yes, how long?

I'd like a residency waiver

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

If yes, please explain

Yes, I was a member of the Chamber of Commerce in the late 80's early 90's.

Interests & Experiences

Statement of Interest

I am interested in joining the City's Art Commission. I believe that my unique combination of skills and experiences would make a valuable contribution to the commission's mission of promoting and enhancing the artistic vibrancy of Alexandria. I am a former Olde Towne gallery owner and my late husband's family are five generations Alexandrians.

Are you currently a member of a City Board, Commission, Committee or Authority?

Yes No

If yes, please list the board:

How many terms have you served on this board?

If you have served more than two consecutive terms on this board, please state the specific qualifications you possess which merit consideration for continued service:

Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?

Yes No

If yes, please state your department, job title, and describe your duties:

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

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

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 No

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 No

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Bennett College for Women, Political Science, B.A. 1973 Marymount University, Master Business Administration, Management, MBA, 1995 George Washington University, Professional Certificate, Appraisals Studies, 2001

SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE:

Alvah T. Beander, FRICS, FRSA, MBA, is a personal property valuer/appraiser specializing in African, African American, and African Diaspora art. In 2021, she was the first African American woman awarded the designation of Fellow in the Royal Institutes of Chartered Surveyors; Fine Arts & Antiques (RICS). Recently, she was appointed to The Valuation Professional Group Panel as the only Arts & Antiques representative. In January 2023, she was awarded the designation of a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce (RSA). She is a frequent lecturer and has presented globally. She was the first African American to appraise for a sitting president. She appraised the African art gifts to former President George W. Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. She was a consultant to the National Museum of African American History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission. She is an Adjunct Professor of Business and has developed a curriculum for an Entrepreneurship certification program. Alvah is the former Chair of the Board of Directors of the Fairfax County Public Library Foundation. She has served on the University President's Alumni and Art Advisory Board. Bennett College awarded her the Alumnae Achievement Award and the President's Award.