

Environmental Policy Commission

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| Dr. Jordan Kaelin Eccles | 11/25/2025 | Environmental Policy 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 |
| Graham Eric Mortensen | 12/15/2025 | Environmental Policy 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 |

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| Name | Dr. Jordan Kaelin Eccles | Environmental Policy Commission | 1 | Contested |
| Application Date | 11/25/2025 | | | |
| Expiration Date | 6/25/2026 | | | |
| Board Member | Jordan Kaelin Eccles | | | |
| Status | Validated | | | |

Basic Information

Name
Dr. Jordan Kaelin Eccles

Date of Birth
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Contact Information

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

Email
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Phone
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Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
Executive Office of the President

Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member
New Applicant

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)
Member from the field of urban planning - although I believe I also qualify as an environmental scientist

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?
10 years

Statement of Interest (Do not include personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.)
Members of the Committee, I've lived in Alexandria since 2016 and I am staying for life. When my then-fiancée and I moved to the DC area, I worked at a company with an office right by the King Street Metro station and commuted an hour each way from Silver Spring. I loved it - not the commute, but the place I worked. We moved a little closer, to Arlington, and I started driving to work, but parking was too expensive, so I would park on the street and move my car every two to three hours. The three-hour parking spots were right on the other side of the tracks, in a beautiful neighborhood I learned was called Rosemont. When we were in the market to buy a house, we found a townhouse on East Linden and jumped at the chance. There were ten bids in three days, and miraculously we got it. Since then we've had cats, dogs, and now two daughters - one who attends Naomi Brooks and the other who will join her in a year and a half. My wife created the Brooks Bike Bus this year, with dozens of kids riding through our neighborhood to school every Friday. I serve as the 1st Vice President of the Rosemont Citizens Association, and our family is deeply woven into the civic life of Alexandria. Professionally, I am honored to serve the American people in this turbulent time as a Presidential Innovation Fellow (beginning in 2024) and now as the Deputy Director for Innovation, both at the Council on Environmental Quality. In this role, I provide environmental policy leadership across the federal government, helping modernize environmental review and permitting processes, develop federal environmental data standards, and advance strategies that improve sustainability, transparency, and community outcomes nationwide. My work has included authoring major federal policy documents, building rapid-response environmental workflow systems, and supporting federal agencies as they adopt more resilient and efficient environmental practices. Before joining CEQ, I spent many years working at the intersection of environmental science, urban planning, and land-use compatibility. At Marstel-Day, I provided environmental and land-use subject matter expertise for mission sustainment and encroachment management studies at more than 30 military installations across the country. This work involved close collaboration with urban planners, municipal governments, and regional stakeholders to ensure that community development remained compatible with critical federal operations. I later expanded that work through roles supporting the Air Force, Department of Defense, and other agencies on issues including energy resilience, resource management, climate impacts, and data-driven environmental policy. Earlier in my career, I earned a PhD in Earth and Ocean Sciences from Duke University, where I specialized in energy systems, environmental modeling, and climate policy - skills I continue to apply daily in public service. My background is extensive in the areas where this commission has responsibility: environmental policy, land-use planning, energy and climate analysis, and community resilience. Alexandria is my home, and I would like to expand my support for our community by contributing this experience as a member of the Environmental Policy Commission. Thank you for your consideration, Jordan Eccles

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?
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

PhD - Duke University, 2011, Earth and Ocean Sciences (Energy Economics) BA - Duke University, 2004, Earth and Ocean Sciences

Summary of Work and Experience

Environmental Policy, Planning, and Urban Sustainability Deputy Director for Innovation at the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), providing senior-level environmental policy leadership across 14 departments and 83 agencies. Principal author of major federal policy documents, including the Permitting Technology Action Plan and a Presidential Memorandum on modernizing environmental review and permitting. Developed federal data standards, technical guidance, and performance metrics to improve transparency, efficiency, and environmental stewardship across interagency review processes. Designed and implemented rapid-response environmental workflow systems (e.g., Categorical Exclusion Explorer, CE Works) that reduce analysis timelines and support environmentally sound decision-making. Urban Planning, Land Use, and Compatible Development Led mission sustainment and encroachment management work at Marstel-Day, providing environmental and land-use subject-matter expertise for over 30 Air Force and Marine Corps installations. Collaborated directly with urban planners, municipal officials, and regional stakeholders to ensure compatible land use and minimize conflicts between community development and federal operations. Directed a data-driven overhaul of the Air Force encroachment management program, transitioning it to a modern, standardized, and planning-aligned approach. Supported Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Coast Guard planning and natural resource policy efforts, including resilience assessments and resource-management strategies for high-risk regions. Environmental Science, Climate, and Energy Expertise PhD in Earth and Ocean Sciences with specialization in energy, climate, and environmental systems modeling. Conducted research on carbon capture and storage economics, regional environmental impacts, and energy policy adoption using agent-based and spatial optimization models. Directed programs supporting Air Force Operational Energy, improving efficiency, reducing emissions, and integrating sustainability into mission operations. Built large-scale environmental and energy data platforms, integrating geospatial, operational, and resource-use data to support policy and planning decisions. Community-Relevant Work and Local Expertise Resident of Alexandria, VA, with strong familiarity with local planning considerations such as compatible land use near military installations, sustainability planning, and multimodal infrastructure. Experience coordinating across federal, state, municipal, academic, nonprofit, and private-sector stakeholders—highly aligned with the Environmental Policy Commission's collaborative role. Leadership, Governance, and Public-Sector Innovation Senior executive leadership experience with responsibility for strategic planning, program design, stakeholder engagement, and policy development. Led multi-agency modernization initiatives focused on environmental review, energy resilience, and community-aligned infrastructure planning. Proven ability to translate technical and scientific analysis into clear, actionable policy guidance for diverse decision-makers.

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?

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How did you hear of this vacancy?

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Graham Eric Mortensen

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| Name | Graham Eric Mortensen | Environmental Policy Commission | 1 | Contested |
| Application Date | 12/15/2025 | | | |
| Expiration Date | 7/15/2026 | | | |
| Board Member | Graham Eric Mortensen | | | |
| Status | Validated | | | |

Basic Information

Name
Graham Eric Mortensen

Date of Birth
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Contact Information

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Occupation

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Supervisor George Stewart/Prince William County of VA

Job Title
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What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)
Field of Urban Planning

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 2018

Statement of Interest (Do not include personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.)
I am applying for the Urban Planning seat on the Environmental Policy Commission because I believe that strong, community-centered planning is essential to Alexandria's long-term environmental resilience and quality of life. My professional background spans public policy, communications, local government coordination, and community engagement. This experience has given me a practical understanding of how land-use, sustainability, infrastructure, and public processes intersect in a growing city. Across my work supporting policymakers, civic organizations, and regional stakeholders, I have helped translate complex planning and policy goals into clear, accessible materials for public audiences and decision-makers. I have managed engagement with residents, business owners, community groups, and government agencies, and I understand the importance of building consensus, aligning interests, and grounding planning recommendations in both environmental and community priorities. I am strongly committed to Alexandria's Environmental Action Plan 2040 and to advancing local efforts related to climate adaptation, green infrastructure, building decarbonization, and flood resilience. I bring a skillset focused on research, policy interpretation, stakeholder collaboration, and operational follow-through — tools that can help the EPC evaluate proposals, support city initiatives, and advise Council on sustainable planning outcomes. As an engaged Alexandria resident, I would be honored to contribute my experience and perspective to the Commission and to support the City's ongoing work to ensure a sustainable and well-planned future.

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?
Yes (Please explain), Not as a matter of employment but I have been consulted on policy issues for organizations in the city. I'm not certain if that is what you are asking but wanted to provide clarification in case it was.

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Yes

Educational Background

B.A. in Public Policy from the College of William and Mary

Summary of Work and Experience

Policy and government professional with experience in local operations, environmental policy coordination, land-use discussions, and community engagement throughout Northern Virginia. Skilled in synthesizing technical planning information, supporting long-range environmental initiatives, and collaborating with government agencies, boards, and residents. Experienced in analyzing proposals, preparing policy briefings, and helping connect sustainability goals with practical planning considerations. Strong background in communications, stakeholder coordination, and supporting elected officials and civic organizations.

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