



# BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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**Kerry Wiggins** joined NCLCV in September 2021. She brings to this role more than a decade of experience working with community-based organizations, building equity and access to education, especially for children attending Title 1 Schools. Kerry has worked with several nonprofit organizations, such as the YMCA of Northwest North Carolina and Goodwill Industries. As a prior educator with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools as Parental Involvement Coordinator, she understands the importance of creating equity in education for the advancement of all children, especially children of color. Prior to joining NCLCV, Kerry worked as a patient advocate for a behavioral health hospital. She has an MS in Human Services from Cappella University, a BS in Sociology from Winston-Salem State University, and an Associates Degree in Human Services from Forsyth Technical Community College. Kerry is a veteran of the United States Army National Guard.



**Janette J. Robinson** Retired from Wells Fargo Bank NA after 28 years of service. During my retirement, I had an opportunity to be a part of a virtual fellowship training program for Boards and Commissions. Since my completion of the program, I've submitted two applications. I'm waiting for my first appointment. I learned about a training program offered through the WS Urban League for seniors 55 and over, SSCEP. The NCLCV applied to be a host agency. My application was approved to work as an administrative assistant for Kerry Wiggins Director of boards and commissions. I am looking forward to where this opportunity may lead me.



**Amora' Shamberger** Interning from Texas A & M as a Data Specialist. I am a senior at Texas A&M University, my major is Political Science with a minor and certification in Philosophy Pre- Law. I am from Dallas, TX, and am very passionate about law and policy implementation, I hope to one day make a change for underrepresented communities in the government and let their voice be heard. After I graduate college I plan to go to law school to practice Corporate Law while still being a part of local and state policy reformation.



**Iyeona Braxton:** An Intern from WSSU. I was born in Washington state and when I turned 5 my mother and I moved to Utah for 8 years then to North Carolina when I was 13. I am privileged enough to have experienced many different types of people from many different types of backgrounds. I am now a graduating senior at Winston-Salem State University, majoring in Justice studies with a concentration in forensic science and a minor in psychology. I aspire to be a Crime Scene Investigator and eventually start working for the FBI. I want to be part of the movement to change our justice system to make it more equitable for minorities. I hope to gain more knowledge on social justice issues within our communities and the correct steps we need to take in order to resolve them.



**Madison Johns:** Summer intern from Duke University Originally from Woodstock, Georgia, Madison Johns currently attends Duke University. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Science & Policy and minoring in Italian Studies. When not studying the various frameworks of environmental policy domestically and internationally, she assists Duke's Chapter of the NAACP, as well as Duke's Black Women's Union, in connecting Duke students with the Durham Community through service and outreach events. She is interested in environmental justice and hopes to mitigate and resolve issues brought upon by environmental issues by way of community engagement.

## The Kick Off 2023





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## Fellow and Mentor Highlights



**Aprie'la Warren**, I Was a fellow in 2022. I'm serving as a Mentor for the 2023 Fellowship program. I wanted to share my summer plans. This summer I will be interning with The North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission, investigating post-conviction claims of factual innocence. I will also be spending the second half of the summer at Williams Mullen (a regional law firm located in Raleigh and VA.)



**Damon Seils** was elected as mayor of Carrboro in 2021 after serving more than 8 years as a member of the Town Council. Before joining the Town Council, Damon had several years of experience in town and county government. He was twice elected chair of the Carrboro Planning Board, making recommendations to the Town Council on development and land use policy throughout the community. He also served on the town's Greenways Commission. Damon also represented Carrboro as the chair of the Orange County Human Relations Commission. In his professional life, Damon works in the medical school at Duke University, where he is a communications specialist with a focus on the work of health services researchers, population health scientists, and public health researchers who study the quality, costs, and ethics of health care delivery. As a volunteer in the Duke community, Damon was a longtime leader of the Duke LGBT Task Force, working closely with students, employees, alumni/ae, and administrators to promote equality and inclusion for gender and sexual minority communities on campus and in the health system.

**DID YOU KNOW:**

The Governor of North Carolina makes appointments to more than 350 statewide boards and commissions. These boards and commissions provide North Carolinians a way to engage in public service and help make decisions that shape the quality of life in our state. Appointments are constantly being made as more than 600 appointments expire each year.

**For Fun:**

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**New Boards and Commissions Logo Revealed**

Logo designed by: Michael Robinson Jr.

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**Power Boards for Democracy Boards and Commissions logo was designed to highlight the alignment of NCLVCF Signature C3 Program, PowerUp NC, Power the Vote NC, and Boards and Commissions.**

**Power the Vote supports Democracy across North Carolina by registering and educating voters.**

**PowerUp NC empowers residents to advocate for issues impacting their communities.**

**Boards and Commissions transition community leaders to community advocates preparing them to serve on public boards and commissions rendering voice to barriers impacting underrepresented and marginalized members of our community.**