



About

The Program

Our Boards and Commissions Fellowship develops the skills and capacity of North Carolina leaders and builds the power of underrepresented groups to serve on boards and commissions. Underrepresented communities are impacted most by voter suppression efforts, economic injustice, and environmental exploitation. Being at the frontlines of these issues makes leaders from these communities uniquely equipped to make meaningful, long-term changes that benefit all of North Carolina.

Our program consists of a 6-month, virtual training class in which fellows attend monthly sessions that allow them to explore their political interests, network with influential community members, undergo a mentorship with community leaders, build their resume, and eventually serve on a local board or commission.

This program is primarily virtual. We welcome fellows from across the state.

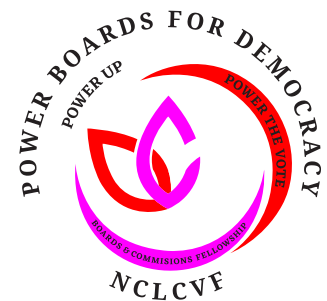
Boards

You Could Serve On

- ✓ African-American Heritage Initiative
- ✓ Environmental Affairs Board
- ✓ Parks, Recreation and Greenway Advisory Board
- ✓ Human Relations Commission

For more information, visit our Boards & Commissions webpage at nclcvf.org/boards-and-commissions

For questions, email us at kerry@nclcvf.org



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Growing Tomorrow's Leaders Today



Our Fellowship Program



Increase Representation

Our program is designed to increase local governments' representative diversity by recruiting women, people of color, people who identify as LGBTQIA+, and other underrepresented groups to serve on local appointed boards and commissions.



Develop Civic Leadership Skills

The program helps our fellows develop civic leadership skills by holding monthly trainings, pairing fellows with mentors for one-on-one coaching, and providing hands-on experience with parliamentary procedure, decision-making processes, and more.



Provide Policy Training

While applicants are not required to have previous conservation policy experience, our fellows will gain critical knowledge during the program, in order to give them the tools they need to successfully advance conservation policy while serving on a local board or commission.

Previous Session Topics

- ✓ Networking & Relationship Building
- ✓ Parliamentary Procedure
- ✓ Stakeholder Engagement
- ✓ Environmental Concerns within North Carolina

Program Commitments

The program requires fellows to participate in monthly, virtual sessions focused on different topics integral to their future success.

Fellows are given brief assignments that allow them to engage with their local government.

Fellows are expected to engage with their peers within the class as well as with their mentors – each of whom provides valuable insight.



Some of Our Mentors

Mentors have a background in the material taught in class as well as experience serving on a board or commission in North Carolina.



Chester B. Williams

Experience serving on Halifax County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board



Robin Smith

Experience chairing the NC Sedimentation Control Commission and serving on the Extension Agricultural Advisory Board



Elke Weil

Experience serving on the NCDEQ Environmental Justice and Equity Advisory Board, Hispanic and Immigrant Affairs Board for Raleigh, and the Wake County Food Plan Task Force