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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Date: October 14, 2025

Item Details

Presenter(s): Allen Coleman, Town Clerk

Department(s): Town Clerk's Office

Requested Motion

A) Possible motion to appoint two (2) corporate limit residents, over the age of eighteen (18), to serve on the Culture and Arts Advisory Board for the Town of Apex.

Approval Recommended?

Mayor Jacques K. Gilbert recommends Perry Ambrose and Aaron Barnes be appointed to the Culture and Arts Advisory Board.

Item Details

During the June 24, 2025 Town Council meeting, the Mayor recommended and the Town Council unanimously approved appointments to the Culture and Arts Advisory Board (CAAB). Shagufta Hakeem was appointed and after several contact attempts by staff, she resigned by the appointment and did not provide a reason. This resignation created an additional vacant position on the Town's CAAB. In addition, Mr. Lafayette Trawick is recommended for removal as he is currently in violation of the Attendance Policy Section of the Resident Advisory Board Administrative Policy.

A total of three (3) applications were received for appointment consideration and they are (in alphabetical order by last name):

- **Ambrose, Perry** - Corporate Limits Resident - Eligible for Voting Over 18 Representative Position
- **Barnes, Aaron** - Corporate Limits Resident - Eligible for Voting Over 18 Representative Position
- **Chappidi, Sathvika** - Corporate Limits Resident - NOT ELIGIBLE - Individual is under age 16.
- **Shoyoye, Shiyan** - Corporate Limits Resident - Eligible for Voting Over 18 Representative Position
(NEW)

The Governing Body for the Town of Apex considered a number of structural changes to the Town's Resident Advisory Board during their Work Session on December 17, 2024. As a result, the Town's Ad-Hoc Public Art Committee was recommended to become a standing Resident Advisory Board and be called the "Culture and Arts Advisory Board".

The Culture and Arts Advisory Board (CAAB) is responsible for increasing community awareness for various of art and building a vital and ever-expanding creative community. The CAAB is responsible for gathering public input through surveys, focus groups, meeting with civic groups, neighborhood groups, etc. and liaising with Town Departments and other Town Resident Advisory Boards related to culture and arts initiatives.

The Culture and Arts Advisory Board consist of nine (9) voting members, including one youth representative as defined in the Resident Advisory Board Administrative Policy.

Attachments

- NB3-A1: Summary of Applicants - ALL Boards
- NB3-A2: Applications for Culture and Arts Advisory Board

