



TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH

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Personal Information

*** Full name**

Blake Tedder

*** Home address**

4726 Old Lake Trl.
Hillsborough NC 27278

*** Primary phone**

[REDACTED]

Secondary phone

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*** Email**

[REDACTED]

Employer

Duke University

Job title

Project Manager

*** Birth date**

[REDACTED]

*** Gender**

Male

*** Preferred pronouns**

He/him/his

*** Hispanic, Latino or Spanish ancestry**

No

*** Race**

White

*** Have you attended Government 101 for community members?**

No

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Board Selection

You must meet at least one of the eligibility criteria for each board you would be willing to serve on:

Board of Adjustment

- Live in town
- Live in the extraterritorial jurisdiction area

Historic District Commission

- Live in town
- Live in the extraterritorial jurisdiction area

Parks and Recreation Board

- Live in town

Planning Board

- Live in town
- Live in the extraterritorial jurisdiction area

Tourism Board

- Own or operate a restaurant in town
- Live, own property or be employed in town

Tourism Development Authority

- Be affiliated with a business collecting lodging tax

*** First choice board**

Second choice board

****SKIPPED****

Third choice board

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Short-Answer Questions

*** Have you served or are you serving on a town board? Which ones and when?**

No

*** Why do you want to serve on a town board? What would you specifically like to accomplish?**

I want to fill the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough's seat on the Tourism Board. I have a deep desire to see Hillsborough retain its unique sense of place and history, which is also its greatest asset for sustained interest and tourism to the town as a foundation for events, festivals, and B2B connection. I would like to see the Board continue its great work of supporting meaningful projects around town and remaining a respected and trusted body with a shared interest of increasing visits to our special town.

*** Do you have relevant work, volunteer or educational experience for the boards you selected?**

I serve as Vice Chair on the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough's board. Until recently, I have been an active volunteer with WHUP. I have a background in community practice social work and nonprofit management, communications, and process improvement. I once interned and later worked for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro COC.

*** How are you connected to Hillsborough?**

Hillsborough is my home. We live north of town. It is the epicenter of our lives. I stay connected to the local news. I have volunteered at WHUP for years as a show host (my show is still on the air) and am regular patron of many of our commercial businesses and all of our restaurants in town.

*** Have you reviewed town plans and other documents available on the town website?**

Yes, briefly.

*** What challenges facing the town could be addressed by the board or boards on which you wish to serve?**

Hillsborough has a very unique position in the Triangle. I am concerned about the wave of homogenization that is coming our way from the Triangle and from society at large. As Franklin St. in Chapel Hill's rents have sky rocketed, it has left a street almost (not entirely) devoid of the soul it once had. Hillsborough has a continued opportunity to strengthen it's brand as a historic and thriving destination for visitors escaping the monotony of urbanization. The town still has a vibe, and our restaurants and businesses and nonprofit partners to the Tourism Board play a vital role. Supporting projects that further the depth of Hillsborough's sense of place and soul is important. Equally important is continuing to bring our historic African American and Indigenous communities into the fuller frame of what we mean when we are speaking about the town by supporting projects that encourage participation of the whole community.

*** How did you hear about this opportunity?**

Town staff member or elected official
Other: Alliance for Historic Hillsborough

I have been advised that I am committing to attend the appointed board's regular meetings. Attendance at the regular meetings is required for me to maintain membership on the board. The Board of Commissioners may declare a vacancy on the board because of non-attendance.

View the complete code in the Hillsborough Code of Ordinances: [Appointed Boards, Task Forces and Authorities](#).

Confirm understanding of attendance policy

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