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Gavin Buckley, Mayor
160 Duke of Gloucester Street
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May 8, 2025

To: Alderpersons, City of Annapolis

From: Mayor Gavin Buckley

Re: Education Commission Reappointment

Pending your approval, I would like to reappoint Ms. Laura Graham Booth to the Education Commission. Ms. Booth has served on this commission since 2019.

Ms. Booth's term will expire on 6/30/2028. A copy of her resume is attached.

Thank You.

GB/hrr

Reviewed by: Housing and Human Welfare Committee

 Favorable Unfavorable

Committee Chair

Date



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Boards and Commissions Application

Personal information

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Statement of Interest – Why should you be appointed to this board/commission?

My first child entered public school in the city of Annapolis in 2007. Over the past twelve years, I have made it my mission to learn as much as I can about both the individual schools my children have attended and the AACPS school system as a whole. I regularly attend PTA, AACPS School Board, and Annapolis Education Commission meetings. I believe strongly in the mission of the Annapolis Education Commission and feel that this organization has an important role as advocate for the students within the Annapolis feeder system. Although the schools are administered at the county level, Anne Arundel County spans a wide geographic area with a diverse population. Each high school cluster serves a different community. It is essential that the school system meet the needs of each of these communities, but it is incumbent upon the communities themselves to make sure that the needs of their unique population are being addressed. The AEC is a voice that can speak, specifically, to issues facing the Annapolis cluster, with a level of detail and attention that the county-wide school system may not be able to achieve. I passionately believe that all students have the right to a quality education, and I am willing to work on behalf of the students in our cluster to aid the AEC in its mission.

Are you a resident of the City of Annapolis?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you an employee of the City of Annapolis?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state your job title, department & duties.

Do you do business with the City of Annapolis?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please detail.

Are you currently serving on any city boards or commissions?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list board(s).

Work experience (titles and duties)

After graduating college in 1995, I went to work in software engineering and design, implementing large-scale client-server computer applications for consulting companies in Pennsylvania and then in Maryland. In 2003, following the birth of my first child, I pursued freelance work, designing and implementing websites for small businesses.

At this time, I also resumed part-time tutoring in mathematics, for students in elementary through high school mathematics courses. I have been a mathematics tutor since 1988, and I feel strongly that mathematics should be accessible and enjoyable for all students.

When my first child entered school in 2007, I began volunteering in AACPS schools, in whatever capacity was needed. In 2014, the librarian at Annapolis Middle School trained me to process books for circulation, and I volunteered in that capacity one day a week at AMS over the next three years, adding a day first at Georgetown East Elementary and later at Monarch Academy Annapolis as my youngest entered AACPS schools.

I am currently employed by WoolWinders, where I both design curriculum and teach classes for various knitting projects and techniques as well as designing knitting patterns.

Educational background (certificates, diplomas, degrees, seminars, etc)

I hold a Bachelor of Science in Mathematical Science from Penn State University, with concentrations in Operations Research (Mathematical Logistics) and Computer Science. I have also completed post-graduate coursework in Computer Science.

Other experience (volunteer experience, memberships etc)

I have been a member of various PTA organizations in five different schools in the Annapolis Cluster over the past twelve years (Hillsmere Elementary School, Georgetown East Elementary School, Monarch Academy Annapolis, Annapolis Middle School, and Annapolis High School), in which I have served in various positions, both on the board of directors and as a committee chair. I have spent countless hours volunteering in all of these schools in various capacities. In 2016-17, I served on the Annapolis Area Redistricting Advisory Committee.

References

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Signature _____ Date February 1, 2019

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