

Chatham County Economic Development Corporation

Board Application

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Name: Claire M. Coffey

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Home Address (if different):

119 Landover Cir, Chapel Hill, NC 27516 and 298 East Perry, Pittsboro, NC 27312

Home Phone: 607-725-1028

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Township of Residence:

Chapel Hill

Are you currently serving on a board or committee in Chatham County?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please list all boards and committees on which you currently serve:

Hope Renovations 4/23-4/25

Please list your educational background. Include names of schools and degrees held.

Phillips Academy Andover, High School, United States Naval Academy, Corning

Comm. College, AAS, Cornell University, BS,

Name of Employer:

Intrepid Build

Address of Employer:

35 Thompson St, Ste 202, Pittsboro, NC 27312

Position:

Founder/CEO

Please list the names of the civic organizations in which you currently hold membership:

Chatham Chamber, NAIOP, TCrew, Raleigh Chamber, CoreNet, Toastmasters Pittsboro

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Explain how your education, knowledge and experience will be an asset to the EDC.

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Describe your vision for economic development in Chatham County.

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Is there a particular aspect of economic development that interests you? Explain how you would like to be involved.

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Demographic information (OPTIONAL)

We ask your help in assuring the diversity of membership on our boards and committees. This section is optional, and you may leave it blank.

Gender: ☐ Male ☒ Female Date of Birth: March 23 1981

Ethnic Background: ☒ White, non-hispanic ☐ African-American ☐ Hispanic

☐ Asian or Pacific Islander ☐ Native American ☐ Other, Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email completed application to:

Jace Cox, Office Administrator  
Chatham Economic Development Corporation  
Email: [jace.cox@chathamcountync.gov](mailto:jace.cox@chathamcountync.gov)

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Explain how education is an asset to the EDC:

At 15, I attended Phillips Academy Andover, one of the nation's oldest and most rigorous prep schools, where service was deeply embedded in the culture. Andover's motto Non Sibi, not for self, became my foundation. At Andover, I was the Head of the school's largest community outreach program, partnering students with community members who had learning and physical impairments. I was also a two-sport varsity captain and led the rowing and basketball teams to conference titles. With that community and servant mindset, I was inducted into the U.S. Naval Academy.

Following graduation from Cornell University, I became the Executive Director of Western New York's largest youth rowing program. As Head Coach, I led four teams to NYS titles and a berth at the National Championship. The program had never seen such success. I then joined the faculty at Blair Academy, a New Jersey boarding school, where I taught algebra, biology, and chemistry. Coaching, educating, and mentoring all fit into the same category of community service.

Just as my husband Zachary and I were getting our careers rolling, an unimaginable medical crisis erupted in my life and didn't show signs of slowing into 2024. Since 2009, I've had seven cancer diagnoses. I've been through over 50 surgeries, strokes, seizures, a tracheostomy, and so much more. Facing mortality that many times gives you a very clear sense of purpose. I'm still here, and I'm more focused than ever to expand my service to the community.

After nearly 15 years of disability, I got back to work when we started Intrepid Build, a commercial construction company built on values like integrity, grit, and inclusion. I'm ready to serve again—this time by helping Chatham County grow in a way that creates real opportunity for the people who live and work here.

My Vision of Economic development:

I want to see Chatham County grow in a way that's smart, inclusive, and sustainable. Small businesses, tradespeople, and emerging industries should all have a seat at the table. That means strengthening local hiring, supporting entrepreneurship, investing in workforce training, and making sure growth benefits everyone, not just a few.

We're at a pivotal moment. With the right leadership, Chatham can set the standard for how rural communities balance economic expansion with integrity and humanity. My vision is a county where people are proud to live and work because they see opportunity, equity, and long-term impact in every corner of our economy.

How do I want to be involved?

I started my business at 40 with no formal business background, just tenacity, a clear mission, and a willingness to figure it out. That experience made me passionate about helping other local entrepreneurs do the same. Whether someone is working with their hands, launching a service, or building something new, they need to know they're capable and that support exists. I want to help create that kind of ecosystem, where more people have access to real connections, resources, and opportunity.

My journey, from elite academic environments to serious illness to building a company from scratch, gives me a unique leadership lens. I lead with urgency and purpose, and I make decisions based on mission, not ego. Running a construction company means managing risk, solving problems quickly, and aligning diverse teams, all of which apply directly to economic development. My educational background is a foundation, but you don't need an Ivy League education to lead or to build something meaningful. What you need are experiences that ground you, challenges that shape your character, moments that teach humility, and the kind of perspective that connects you to the real world. My education provided me with opportunity and gave me a strong foundation. But without the life experience I've gained through illness, adversity, hard work, and starting over, I wouldn't have the leadership capacity I have today.

Most of all, I understand how policy affects real people—business owners, workers, and families. I know what it's like to start over and build something that matters. That perspective would be a real asset to the EDC board as we shape the future of this county.

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Name: Zoretta French Hayes

Mailing Address: 1087 Old Siler City Rd. Pittsboro, NC 27312

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Home Phone: 919-444-6429 Work Phone: 336-641-2619

Cell Phone (optional): 919-444-6429 Email Address: zoretta.hayes@gmail.com

Township of Residence: Center Township

Are you currently serving on a board or committee in Chatham County? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list all boards and committees on which you currently serve:

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Please list your educational background. Include names of schools and degrees held.

1. Northwood High School- Diploma received June 1987 2. East Carolina University-BS in Secondary  
Education with concentrations in math and science 1991 and 1995 3. Forsyth Tech Community College-  
Diploma of Nursing- 2021

Name of Employer: Guilford County Schools (Pruette Scale Alternative Academy/Juvenile Detention Center)

Address of Employer: 15 Lockheed Court Greensboro, NC 27405

Position: Math and Science teacher

Please list the names of the civic organizations in which you currently hold membership:

Prince Hall Order of Eastern Star, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society  
Proud and very active member of Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church

Explain how your education, knowledge and experience will be an asset to the EDC.

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Describe your vision for economic development in Chatham County.

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Is there a particular aspect of economic development that interests you? Explain how you would like to be involved.

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#### Demographic information (OPTIONAL)

We ask your help in assuring the diversity of membership on our boards and committees. This section is optional, and you may leave it blank.

Gender: ☐ Male ☒ Female Date of Birth: [March 19, 1969](#)

Ethnic Background: ☐ White, non-hispanic ☒ African-American ☐ Hispanic

☐ Asian or Pacific Islander ☐ Native American ☐ Other, Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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- A. My education and experiences have provided me with the valuable opportunity to live in larger cities, allowing me to observe both the positive and negative impacts of growth. For example, I moved to eastern North Carolina in the late 1980s. At that time, Rocky Mount proudly claimed the motto, "The City on the Rise," and 38 years later, it still clings to this notion. Meanwhile, Greenville has surged ahead with substantial growth. As Chatham, especially Pittsboro, continues its expansion, it is essential that we ensure our infrastructure and community can effectively accommodate this change. While growth presents opportunities, we must strive to make sure that our transformation results in "Good Trouble" rather than detrimental consequences. Having been born and raised here, moved away, and ultimately returned to build my home, I bring a unique perspective to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and can contribute positively to our community's future.
  
- B. It's essential that we preserve the charming, down-home atmosphere of Pittsboro and Chatham. Let's strive to be a welcoming community that attracts not only retirees seeking a peaceful retreat but also vibrant, growing families eager to build their lives here.
  
- C. I am deeply committed to enhancing education and healthcare in our community. It's essential that our schools achieve top academic rankings in the state and attract the most qualified teaching candidates, ensuring we compete effectively with similar cities. Furthermore, we must prioritize the health of our rural citizens in Pittsboro by increasing resources for their care. Everyone deserves access to quality healthcare, and together we can make this a reality.

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### Board Application

Name: Elizabeth Mauney

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Home Address (if different):

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone (optional): 919-279-5843

Email Address: emauney@mountaire.com

Township of Residence: Siler City

Are you currently serving on a board or committee in Chatham County? No

Please list your educational background. Include names of schools and degrees held:

- American Nanny School – Early Education
- Wake Technical Community College
- Alamance Community College
- NC State University – Continuing Education

Name of Employer: Mountaire Farms of North Carolina

Address of Employer: Siler City Processing Plant

Position: Mountaire Cares Manager

Please list the names of the civic organizations in which you currently hold membership:

- Salvation Army (Board Member)
- Haw River Christian School (Board Member)
- President, Siler City Rotary Club
- Siler City Development Organization

Explain how your education, knowledge and experience will be an asset to the EDC:

As the Mountaire Cares Manager for Mountaire Farms of North Carolina, I work daily at the intersection of business, community service, and economic impact. My background includes organizing large-scale outreach programs, building strategic partnerships, and aligning resources to serve both employees and residents across Chatham County. I actively collaborate with civic groups, schools, agricultural organizations, and nonprofits to strengthen the community through sustainable investment. My experience in coordinating cross-sector efforts, managing regional budgets, and engaging local stakeholders would bring a strong, hands-on perspective to the Economic Development Corporation's mission.

Describe your vision for economic development in Chatham County:

I believe economic development should be community-centered and inclusive—creating opportunities for growth while preserving the values and strengths that make Chatham County unique. My vision is to foster a thriving economy where local businesses, workforce development initiatives, agriculture, and community organizations work together. I see potential in expanding industry, supporting our schools and trades programs, and encouraging job creation that aligns with the diverse needs of our rural and urban populations. By investing in partnerships and building pathways to employment, we can empower both individuals and families in Chatham County.

Is there a particular aspect of economic development that interests you? Explain how you would like to be involved:

I'm especially passionate about workforce development, youth engagement, and strengthening the agricultural economy. I would like to support efforts that connect local students and job seekers with training, mentorship, and employment opportunities—particularly in the poultry, processing, and agricultural sectors. I also believe in spotlighting local success stories and helping bridge gaps between business and community. As someone with experience managing both people and programs, I'd like to be involved in strategic planning and collaborative projects that directly impact our area's economic future.

Demographic information (OPTIONAL)

Gender: Female

Date of Birth: 06/03/1975

Ethnic Background: White



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Name: Gene Galin

Mailing Address:  
80 Deer Mountain Road, Pittsboro, NC

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Home Phone: 919-968-0465 Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: ggalin@gmail.com

Township of Residence:  
Baldwin

Are you currently serving on a board or committee in Chatham County? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list all boards and committees on which you currently serve:

Former board member - Chatham Strategic Plan Committee, Chatham County Water Board,  
Chatham County Planning Board, Woods Charter School

Please list your educational background. Include names of schools and degrees held.

UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School - MBA Economics  
University of Rochester - BA Major: History, Minor: Biology

Name of Employer:  
HPE Aruba

Address of Employer: Hewlett Packard Enterprise  
1015 Swabia Ct, Durham, NC 27703, United States

Position:  
Inside Sales Account Manager

Please list the names of the civic organizations in which you currently hold membership:

N/A  
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Explain how your education, knowledge and experience will be an asset to the EDC.

My 20+ years in telecommunications and technology at Verizon, BellSouth, Duke University, Cisco, and HPE provide industry insights and networks that directly support the EDC's mission to attract high-quality jobs and industries.

My service on the Chatham County Water and Planning Boards demonstrates a deep understanding of local infrastructure, land use, and community priorities, critical for economic development.

I believe that technology allows ordinary folks to do extraordinary things. My tech experience aligns with the EDC's focus on capitalizing on technology investments such as WolfSpeed. I am comfortable discussing and presenting on technical topics.

Describe your vision for economic development in Chatham County.

Chatham County will be a thriving and sustainable economic hub in central Carolina, ~~fostering high-quality jobs, innovative industries, and vibrant communities~~ while preserving our rural heritage, natural resources, and exceptional quality of life.

\* Leverage Strategic Location and Major Investments \* Prioritize Sustainable and Inclusive Growth  
\* Enhance Workforce Development \* Strengthen Infrastructure and Connectivity  
\* Support Small Businesses and Entrepreneurship \* Preserve Quality of Life and Rural Character

Is there a particular aspect of economic development that interests you? Explain how you would like to be involved.

Chatham County has a great story to tell and we can help folks be aware of the various pathways to business success this community offers.

I would love to lead the effort to gather and present the stories to potential businesses looking to establish a presence in central North Carolina.

My roles as editor of the Chatham Journal and administrator of the Chatham Chatlist provide me with the experience and knowledge to highlight Chatham's unique assets

See <https://www.youtube.com/genefoto>

Demographic information (OPTIONAL)

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Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic Background: ☐ White, non-hispanic

☐ African-American

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☐ Native American

☐ Other, Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: G r e g o r y C L e w i s

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Work Phone: 9 1 9 - 5 3 3 - 0 1 4 5

Cell Phone (optional): 9 1 9 - 6 1 2 - 8 1 9 6 Email Address: g r e g @ y o l o e n t e r t a i n m e n t n c . c o m

Township of Residence:

Hadley

Are you currently serving on a board or committee in Chatham County? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list all boards and committees on which you currently serve:

Welcome Chatham, Chapel Hill Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, Chapel Hill Carrboro Chamber finance committee

Pittsboro Business Association Events Committee.

Please list your educational background. Include names of schools and degrees held.

Graduate 1986, The Culinary Institute of America. Associate's degree in culinary arts

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Name of Employer:

Yolo Entertainment

Address of Employer:

480 Hillsboro St, Suite 1000 Pittsboro, NC 27312

Position:

President

Please list the names of the civic organizations in which you currently hold membership:

The Raleigh Chamber. Chatham Chamber, Siler Area Chamber, Chapel Hill Carrboro Chamber

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Explain how your education, knowledge and experience will be an asset to the EDC.

My experience on the EDC Board means I can hit the ground running and be of help immediately. I would like to head up the small business committee (if this is available) and work with EDC, towns and county to see how we can engage the small business community to be connected to what is going on around them and how they can start and grow their businesses by connecting to other businesses, organizations and all the opportunities there are with growth in Chatham County.

Describe your vision for economic development in Chatham County.

The role of the EDC is to grow business, tax base and employment opportunities in Chatham County. With the EDC staff attracting large businesses to the county and the board of directors working with the staff helping small businesses succeed within all the growth. We as a board should be helping to educate the citizens of the benefits of growth in the county.

Is there a particular aspect of economic development that interests you? Explain how you would like to be involved

Sewer/Water/Small Business.

Sewer and Water in Chatham County really means everything. There are other challenges but without sewer and water you cannot do anything. The challenges and solutions of all growth have always intrigued me.

I would like to be involved with small businesses and help connect them to grow.

Demographic information (OPTIONAL)

We ask your help in assuring the diversity of membership on our boards and committees. This section is optional, and you may leave it blank.

Gender: ☒ Male ☐ Female

Date of Birth: February 8, 1963

Ethnic Background: ☒ White, non-Hispanic

☐ African American

☐ Hispanic

☐ Asian or Pacific Islander

☐ Native American

☐ Other, Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Lory H. Kelley

Mailing Address:  
34 Forked Pine Court, Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Home Address (if different):  
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Home Phone: N/A Work Phone: 336-254-2166

Cell Phone (optional): 336-254-2166 Email Address: lory@goldenasteradvisors.co m

Township of Residence:  
Williams Township

Are you currently serving on a board or committee in Chatham County? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list all boards and committees on which you currently serve:

N/A  
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Please list your educational background. Include names of schools and degrees held.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro, BS in Accounting  
NC CPA License 29119  
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Name of Employer:  
Golden Aster Advisors, PLLC

Address of Employer:  
same as above

Position:  
Managing Member

Please list the names of the civic organizations in which you currently hold membership:

Greensboro Rotary  
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University of North Carolina at Greensboro Bryan School of Business, Business Advisory Board

### Explain how your education, knowledge and experience will be an asset to the EDC.

I have been in public accounting for over 25 years assisting clients and serving in firm leadership roles. Over those years, I have worked with clients in many industries, including residential and commercial real estate, general and specialty contractors, wholesale/distribution/manufacturing, and ultra-high net worth individuals. With this diverse industry and tax knowledge, I create tax strategies that take into account the whole client picture, the individual, their families, and their entrepreneurial enterprises. This tax knowledge could assist the board in understanding the impact of tax incentives as well as the overall impact of federal and state tax legislation coming soon.

Before starting my own business, I served in various leadership roles at a public accounting firm based in Greensboro, NC including the positions of Tax Practice Area Leader and Managing Partner. These roles taught me many skills including the importance of collaboration, listening more than speaking, and the art of gaining consensus/buy-in. The leadership experience also gave me the courage to start my own business here in Chatham County when I decided to go out on my own and create a new public accounting firm providing tax compliance and planning expertise to single-family offices. I chose to move to Chatham County and start this new business, not only because of what it is now but because of where I see it headed in the next 5, 10, and 20 years. I believe my excitement for the county coupled with my entrepreneurial spirit should meld nicely with the objectives of the EDC.

### Describe your vision for economic development in Chatham County.

Development is inevitable with population growth, particularly from Raleigh/Cary/Apex to the East and Durham/Chapel Hill to the north. Chatham County is the logical area for this population expansion. Economic development in Chatham County does not just mean new businesses and new jobs. It means creating, maintaining, and growing physical and social infrastructure. An emphasis on education, healthcare, and affordable housing will naturally lead to people wanting to live here, which in turn creates demand for local businesses. The county has already done an excellent job at being forward thinking on this expansion in terms of planning and infrastructure while maintaining the heritage of the downtown centers and honoring the agricultural legacy of the county. It is very important to continue with this momentum and philosophy as it is what attracted me and, I am sure, many others to call this county home.

### Is there a particular aspect of economic development that interests you? Explain how you would like to be involved.

I have a natural inclination towards incentives based upon my CPA background; however, I also have a strong interest in affordable housing. I am happy to be involved with meeting with community leaders on developing/implementing incentives, getting the word out about projects/incentives, meaning with real estate developers, etc.

### Demographic information (OPTIONAL)

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Gender: ☐ Male ☒ Female

Date of Birth: 03/23/1976

Ethnic Background: ☒ White, non-hispanic

☐ African-American

☐ Hispanic

☐ Asian or Pacific Islander

☐ Native American

☐ Other, Specify:

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Name: Sheen Klaus

Mailing Address:

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: 919-549-7884

Cell Phone (optional): 919-908-4318 Email Address: sheen@chathamkids.org

Township of Residence:

N/A

Are you currently serving on a board or committee in Chatham County? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list all boards and committees on which you currently serve:

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Please list your educational background. Include names of schools and degrees held.

Walden University, BS in Child Development; UNC-Wilmington, M. Ed. Policy Leadership and

Advocacy in Early Childhood Education; IN PROCESS UNC-Chapel Hill, Ed. D. Organizational leadership

Name of Employer:

Chatham County Partnership for Children

Address of Employer:

220 Chatham Business Drive, Pittsboro, NC 27312

Position:

Research and Development Director

Please list the names of the civic organizations in which you currently hold membership:

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Explain how your education, knowledge and experience will be an asset to the EDC.

My expertise in Early Childhood Systems offers an alternative perspective to the EDC.

As a working parent, I hope to bring the voice of working parents to the Board, helping to ensure that employers are aware of the supports families need to be able to work and

support the local economy. Our focus on family forward employers can help to ensure Chatham remains a community where families can thrive.

Describe your vision for economic development in Chatham County.

I envision the Chatham EDC as a catalyst for inclusive economic growth that recognizes early childhood as essential infrastructure. By aligning economic development with investments in quality early learning, we can support working families, strengthen our future workforce, and create a thriving, equitable Chatham County for generations to come.

Is there a particular aspect of economic development that interests you? Explain how you would like to be involved.

I'm especially interested in the intersection of economic development and early childhood education. I believe that a strong local economy depends on a strong foundation for our youngest residents. High-quality, accessible early learning not only supports children's development but also enables parents to participate fully in the workforce. I'd like to be involved in shaping policies and partnerships that prioritize child care as critical infrastructure, helping Chatham attract and retain talent while building a more resilient, family-friendly economy.

Demographic information (OPTIONAL)

We ask your help in assuring the diversity of membership on our boards and committees. This section is optional, and you may leave it blank.

Gender: ☐ Male ☒ Female

Date of Birth: 06/19/1990

Ethnic Background: ☐ White, non-hispanic

☐ African-American

☐ Hispanic

☒ Asian or Pacific Islander ☐ Native American ☐ Other, Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: 910-520-3678

Work Phone: 919-542-0794 x222

Cell Phone (optional): 910-520-3678

Email Address: annatuell@chathamhabitat.org

Township of Residence:

Carrboro, North Carolina

Are you currently serving on a board or committee in Chatham County?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please list all boards and committees on which you currently serve:

Rotary Club Board Secretary (Pittsboro)

North Carolina Habitat for Humanity (Statewide)

Please list your educational background. Include names of schools and degrees held.

Bachelor's Degree from University of North Carolina at  
Asheville, History and English

Name of Employer:

Chatham Habitat for Humanity

Address of Employer:

PO Box 883, 467 West St., Pittsboro, NC 27312

Position:

President & CEO

Please list the names of the civic organizations in which you currently hold membership:

Pittsboro Rotary Club

Explain how your education, knowledge and experience will be an asset to the EDC.

My knowledge and experience in the affordable housing field would - I hope - be an asset to the EDC. Especially now, as Chatham County is growing - housing is an essential piece of the puzzle, and I hope that I could bring some expertise in that field.

Describe your vision for economic development in Chatham County.

I'd love to see a Chatham County where businesses can thrive, there are opportunities for everyone, and everyone has the option to live and work within their means in this community.

Is there a particular aspect of economic development that interests you? Explain how you would like to be involved.

Housing - not just affordable housing, but across the board - is obviously an area of interest for me, and I think that housing is a critical part of Chatham County's growth coming up. Interested in learning, too!

Demographic information (OPTIONAL)

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Gender: ☐ Male ☒ Female

Date of Birth: 6-12-1989

Ethnic Background: ☒ White, non-hispanic

☐ African-American

☐ Hispanic

☐ Asian or Pacific Islander

☐ Native American

☐ Other, Specify:

Please email completed application to:

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Chatham Economic Development Corporation  
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Name: Daniel Routh

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Home Address (if different): 107 Center Dr, Siler City NC, 27344

Home Phone: 336-736-7297

Cell Phone (optional): 336-736-7297

Email Address: [office@red2entertainment.com](mailto:office@red2entertainment.com)

Township of Residence: Siler City

Are you currently serving on a board or committee in Chatham County? No

If yes, please list all boards and committees on which you currently serve: None

Please list your educational background. Include names of schools and degrees held.

High School: Faith Christian School

College: Bachelor of Arts in History

Name of Employer: Nu-Blu / Red Squared Entertainment, Johnsons Restaurant

Address of Employer: PO Box 681, Siler City NC, 27344

Position: Owner

Please list the names of the civic organizations in which you currently hold membership:

Explain how your education, knowledge and experience will be an asset to the EDC. Describe your vision for economic development in Chatham County.

I was raised in Asheboro, from a family of business entrepreneurs. I spent 17 years in retail management with Lowes Foods and Walmart. In 2006 I married into the Johnson's Restaurant family. This background and the new businesses that I have started here in Chatham County give me a unique perspective of Chatham county's culture and history. Having that background I helped found the national touring and Billboard charting band Nu-Blu which has

toured extensively for the last 20 years throughout the US and internationally. I also produce and co-host Bluegrass Ridge, the largest syndicated TV show for bluegrass music in the world, I own Red Squared Entertainment, a pre and post production house for motion pictures and audio and I am VP of Distribution for Turnberry Records. These various positions give me multiple perspectives and allows me to see what other towns and cities are doing and speak to them about how they achieved success with their own programs. It also allows me to hear things that didn't work for them and why.

I think a balanced approach is always needed. We have to grow, but must do it in a way that maintains our counties unique qualities. We are on the cusp of what will shape the future of Chatham county for generations to come and determine how our kids and grandchildren will prosper. We need to continue to provide a county where they can have their own families, without having to search out other places to work. We need that creativity here. In addition we have to be equally balanced in bringing in and including development from outside sources. This balance is the key to success.

Is there a particular aspect of economic development that interests you? Explain how you would like to be involved.

As part of a business that will be 80 years old in 2026, I'm very much interested in continued development that brings in new businesses. Any business is only as strong as the ones that surround it. In addition, I think there are many other opportunities to use entertainment to help support economic growth.

#### Demographic information (OPTIONAL)

We ask your help in assuring the diversity of membership on our boards and committees. This section is optional, and you may leave it blank.

Gender: Male

Date of Birth:8/23/1976

Ethnic Background: White

Chatham County Economic Development Corporation

Board Application

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name: Tamika Truesdale

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (optional): 9196990277 Email Address: darktruesdale@yahoo.com

Township of Residence: Chatham

Are you currently serving on a board or committee in Chatham County? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list all boards and committees on which you currently serve:

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Please list your educational background. Include names of schools and degrees held.

University of Mount Olive Associate In Science General Studies

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Name of Employer: Laboratory Corporations of America (Labcorp)

Address of Employer: 500 Perimeter Park Drive Ste. C Morrisville NC

Position: Supervisor of the National Contact Center

Please list the names of the civic organizations in which you currently hold membership:

Director of Youth, Member of the Missionary Society(Youth Secretary), Member of the  
Stewardess Board all at Mitchell Chapel AMEZ Church, Pittsboro NC , I have worked closely with

Pam Baldwin with Chatham County fair events and have also volunteered on the  
Juneteenth planning committee for the past 3 years.

Explain how your education, knowledge and experience will be an asset to the EDC.

I am Chatham County born and raised. A graduate of Northwood High School. A Very hands-on and involved parent of a raising 10th grader at Seaford High School. I have worked in the healthcare field for over 29 years, 20 of those years in lead and supervisory roles. I am a very active member in the community.

Describe your vision for economic development in Chatham County.

Continue to grow programs /activities for the youth in our community. There is a lack in programs currently for youth aged 13-18. There is a dire need for a teen center or sports complex. Robust/ affordable internet services are needed county wide. Transportation services are also needed. Great strides have been made so far, but there is more work to be done.

Is there a particular aspect of economic development that interests you? Explain how you would like to be involved.

All aspects of economic development are important, however Human Capital Development and Community Development are the two that interest me the most. I would love to be involved in developing training programs and initiatives to increase access to quality affordable education and healthcare countywide.

Demographic information (OPTIONAL)

We ask your help in assuring the diversity of membership on our boards and committees. This section is optional, and you may leave it blank.

Gender: ☐ Male ☒ Female Date of Birth: 04/25/1977

Ethnic Background: ☐ White, non-hispanic ☐ African-American ☐ Hispanic

☐ Asian or Pacific Islander ☐ Native American ☐ Other, Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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Board Application

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Name: Teresa L. G. Warner, Ed. D.

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Work Phone: 919-898-2259

Cell Phone (optional): 910-624-4554

Email Address: Teresalgwarner@gmail.com

Township of Residence:

Sanford, NC

Are you currently serving on a board or committee in Chatham County? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list all boards and committees on which you currently serve:

Please list your educational background. Include names of schools and degrees held.

UNC Wilmington- Doctorate of Education, UNC Pembroke Master's in School Administration; Bachelors  
in History, and an Associate's Degree in Business from Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Name of Employer:

Chatham County Schools

Address of Employer:

468 Renaissance Drive Pittsboro NC 27312

Position:

Assistant Principal

Please list the names of the civic organizations in which you currently hold membership:

UNC Wilmington Alumni Board of Directors, The National Endowment for the Arts

Explain how your education, knowledge and experience will be an asset to the EDC.

My education, knowledge and business experience will bring in perspectives that support positive advancements in the community. I have networking experience through the Chamber of Commerce with new businesses. It is a joy to build capacity for actions that encompass economic development and connections which result in growth and enrichment for citizens, community, and organizations.

Describe your vision for economic development in Chatham County.

My vision for economic development in Chatham County is to contribute to forward thinking that advances Chatham County by providing quality businesses, education, dining, arts, and entertainment options. I envision collaborative work that will result in building and maintaining a healthy, thriving, community that people want to be a part of.

Is there a particular aspect of economic development that interests you? Explain how you would like to be involved.

The aspects of development and policies interest me. I would like to be involved in discussions, goal setting, and actions that result in advancing infrastructures and industrialization for individuals, the community, and greater society. I am excited about the learning that will take place for me personally and the opportunity to join with other thought leaders.

Demographic information (OPTIONAL)

We ask your help in assuring the diversity of membership on our boards and committees. This section is optional, and you may leave it blank.

Gender: ☐ Male ☒ Female

Date of Birth: 02/01/1962

Ethnic Background: ☒ White, non-hispanic

☐ African-American

☐ Hispanic

☐ Asian or Pacific Islander

☐ Native American

☐ Other, Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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Board Application

Name: Leslie Lillard Walden

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Home/Work/Cell Phone: 919-995-4265

Email Address: buyerlil@mac.com

Township of Residence: Pittsboro

Are you currently serving on a board or committee in Chatham County? If yes, please list all boards and committees on which you currently serve:

- Chatham YMCA Regional Advisory Board
- Town of Pittsboro Downtown Promotions Committee

Please list your educational background. Include names of schools and degrees held.

- Pinecrest High School, Diploma
- Northeastern University, BS Political Science, Media Studies Minor
- Suffolk University, MS Marketing Communications (candidate)

Name of Employer: Fidelity Investments

Address of Employer: 100 New Millennium Way, Durham, NC 27709

Position: VP Public Affairs

Please list the names of the civic organizations in which you currently hold membership:

- Leadership Chatham, Chatham Chamber (Class of 2025)
- Durham, Raleigh, NC Chambers
- Chatham Animal Rescue & Education (CARE)
- NC Council for Economic Education, Vice-chair
- Research Triangle Foundation Charitable Fund

Explain how your education, knowledge and experience will be an asset to the EDC.

Over my career in state, local and federal government and more recently corporate public affairs, I've had the opportunity to work on some meaningful efforts in economic development—most notably with the Research Triangle Regional Partnership during the time Fidelity chose to expand in North Carolina, which remains one of the largest non-manufacturing JDIGs in state history.

Since then, I've continued to work closely with business and government partners through my role at Fidelity, where I help lead public affairs and regional expansion efforts. I am often tapped by economic developers to host conversations with top secret project leads, consultants and company representatives when they are evaluating the region.

As chair of the Local Innovation Committee of the NC Works Commission, we focused on strong partnerships between education, small business and government that can create real opportunities for people and communities.

Chatham County has been home for almost 20 years—our children attended local public schools and my husband does business here. I care deeply about this community and believe it has an incredible story to tell to companies — large and small — looking to grow and invest. I'd be honored to help share that story and support the work of the EDC in any way I can.

Describe your vision for economic development in Chatham County.

Chatham County has it all when it comes to assets that attract growth — from megasites to downtowns to small businesses and agribusinesses — with committed education partners, good schools, and a great quality of life. People are drawn here not just for work, but because it's a place they want to live and raise a family. I believe economic development should build on those strengths, supporting small and existing businesses that want to expand as well as recruiting larger companies that align with our values and contribute to the long-term health of the community.

My vision is to help bring people and places together across the county—from Moncure and Siler to Goldston and Pittsboro—so we can tell a shared story that highlights each area's unique potential. This is easier said than done, but it is all about a commitment to connecting those assets in a way that creates opportunity while keeping the character of Chatham County intact.

Is there a particular aspect of economic development that interests you?

I'm especially interested in the intersection of workforce development and community identity. I've seen firsthand how aligning education and training opportunities with the needs of growing industries can create lasting impact, not just for businesses but for families and communities. I'm also drawn to efforts that help small towns retain their sense of place even as they grow. In Chatham County, we have a real opportunity to shape growth in a way that reflects who we are and invests in the people who are already here.

Explain how you would like to be involved.

- Governance
- Site visits
- Strategic planning and oversight

Please email completed application to:

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Chatham Economic Development Corporation

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Board Application

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name: Shari Becker

Mailing Address:

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Home Address (if different):

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: 919.545.0125

Cell Phone (optional): 919.491.2839 Email Address: shari.becker@edwardjones.com

Township of Residence: Pittsboro (Hickory Mountain)

Are you currently serving on a board or committee in Chatham County? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list all boards and committees on which you currently serve:

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Please list your educational background. Include names of schools and degrees held.

NC State University, B.A., Communications  
Boston University, M.S., Public Relations

Name of Employer: Edward Jones

Address of Employer:  
120 Lowes Dr., Ste. 107, Pittsboro, NC 27312

Position: Financial Advisor

Please list the names of the civic organizations in which you currently hold membership:

Rotary Club of Pittsboro, Siler Area Chamber,  
Chatham Chamber of Commerce

Explain how your education, knowledge and experience will be an asset to the EDC.

I'm a farmer and business owner in Chatham.  
My children attend Chatham County Schools. I  
bring a unique intersection of perspectives that  
will resonate with the incoming residents and businesses  
moving to Chatham.

Describe your vision for economic development in Chatham County.

I envision intentional growth, through collaboration  
with key stakeholders. After 18 years in Chatham,  
I've experienced the growth and change. I see more  
opportunity to engage, provide information/support,  
and to garner more buy-in for the changes to come.

Is there a particular aspect of economic development that interests you? Explain how you would like to  
be involved.

I'm most interested in initiatives supporting small  
businesses. Our county has so many, and they  
are integral to our economic success and to our  
culture. I would like to help with outreach to this group.

Demographic information (OPTIONAL)

We ask your help in assuring the diversity of membership on our boards and committees. This section is optional,  
and you may leave it blank.

Gender: ☐ Male ☒ Female

Date of Birth: 5/22/1980

Ethnic Background: ☐ White, non-hispanic

☐ African-American

☐ Hispanic

☒ Asian or Pacific Islander ☐ Native American ☐ Other, Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chatham County Economic Development Corporation Board

Application

Name: Jack Pendergraph

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2241 Rock Bridge Dr. Mebane, NC 27302

Home Address (if different):

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (optional): ( 3 3 6 ) 3 8 0 - 9 0 5 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Township of Residence:

Mebane, NC

Are you currently serving on a board or committee in Chatham County?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please list all boards and committees on which you currently serve:

Town of Pittsboro TRC Advisory Committee, Town of Siler City Brownfield Advisory Committee, Chatham Chamber's Young Professionals

Please list your educational background. Include names of schools and degrees held.

UNC Chapel Hill – Master of Public Administration

East Carolina University – Bachelor of Science in Political Science

Name of Employer:

Samet Corporation

Address of Employer:

5430 Wade Park Blvd Suite 110, Raleigh, NC 27607

Position:

Business Development Manager

Please list the names of the civic organizations in which you currently hold membership:

Phillips Chapel Church

**Explain how your education, knowledge and experience will be an asset to the EDC.**

Over the past four years, I've dedicated myself to learning and applying the principles of public service throughout the Triangle region. My education at East Carolina University and the University of North Carolina provided a solid foundation that I've built upon through hands-on experience with local governments, nonprofits, and partner organizations. In each role, I've focused on collaboration and fostering a business-friendly environment in Chatham County. If selected to serve on the Chatham EDC Board of Directors, I will bring this experience to the table—offering thoughtful guidance to staff and working closely with fellow Board members to identify and support new opportunities for growth across the county.

**Describe your vision for economic development in Chatham County.**

My vision for economic development in Chatham County centers on expanding the commercial and industrial tax base in strategic areas like Moncure and the CAM site, while preserving the rural character that makes the rest of the county so special.

In many ways, Chatham County sits at the heart of the affordability crisis facing the United States. With a median home sale price exceeding \$700,000, the county has had to raise taxes to meet the expectations of higher-income residents—many of whom are willing to pay more for complex public services. But there's another reality in Chatham County that too often goes unacknowledged.

The county's median per capita income is approximately \$57,000—a number skewed by the more affluent northeastern portion. In Siler City, by contrast, the per capita income is below \$25,000. Residents in places like Siler City, Goldston, Bear Creek, Pittsboro, and Bennett are increasingly burdened by rising property assessments, higher utility costs, and escalating taxes. Many are being priced out of the very communities they've called home for generations.

To address this, my vision is to recruit employers that will raise wages by competing for talent while also contributing more to our local tax base. A stronger commercial and industrial presence would help shift the current imbalance—where 90% of the tax burden falls on residents—toward a more sustainable ratio, closer to 70/30. This approach would not only support working families but also ensure the long-term financial health of Chatham County and its towns.

**Is there a particular aspect of economic development that interests you? Explain how you would like to be involved.**

Having spent the past two years working closely with Chatham County's existing industries, I've developed a strong appreciation for the vital role they play in our local economy. Their contributions have shaped the county in meaningful ways, and I'm particularly passionate about supporting their continued success. I would be glad to contribute to any initiatives the EDC pursues to strengthen and retain these industries in the years ahead.

**Demographic information (OPTIONAL)**

We ask your help in assuring the diversity of membership on our boards and committees. This section is optional, and you may leave it blank.

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Date of Birth: 05 / 30 / 1999 \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic Background: ☐ White, non-hispanic

☐ African-American

☐ Hispanic

☐ Asian or Pacific Islander

☐ Native American

☐ Other, Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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