

NEW HANOVER COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Number of Members: 11 members

1 YWCA Lower Cape Fear CEO or Designee

5 appointed by County Commissioners; 5 appointed by Wilmington City Council

Terms: Each member of the Commission shall be appointed to serve a term of three (3) years, or until a successor is appointed; provided however, that on the initial Commission, three (3) of the members shall serve a term of one (1) year; three (3) of the members shall serve a term of two (2) years; four (4) of the members, including the YWCA Lower Cape Fear CEO, or designee, shall serve a term of three (3) years.

Members shall serve no more than two (2) full successive terms unless there is a break of at least one (1) full term between appointments.

Regular Meetings: Fourth Wednesday of every month at 4:00 p.m.

Statute or cause creating Board: BOCC bylaws adopted August 12, 2019.

Brief on the functions: The Commission shall be organized for the purpose of acting as an advocate for women and a resource of information on the status of women in New Hanover County for the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners (Board) and Wilmington City Council (Council):

- To identify the status of women and assess the needs of women in New Hanover County (County) and the City of Wilmington (City);
- To provide a status of women in New Hanover County report on an annual basis to the Board and Council;
- To provide information and recommendations to the Board and Council on the needs and issues important to women as it deems necessary in improving and upholding the opportunities in employment, education and community services for all people, regardless of sex;
- To work toward the betterment of the status of women with respect to employment and educational opportunities, health services, childcare services, welfare services, financial services, and community leadership opportunities;
- To serve as an umbrella to coordinate and support all women’s initiatives, organizations, and networks in the County and the City including coordinating and cooperating with the YWCA and other organizations involved in activities on the status of women; and
- To conduct educational seminars in collaboration with other organizations for residents and businesses in the County and the City.

CURRENT MEMBERS	TERM OF OFFICE	
	APPOINTMENT	EXPIRATION
New Hanover County Members		
Sheila Evans, Chair 818 Bradshaw Terrace Wilmington, NC 28409 910-233-5480 (C)	First 10/21/19 Second 5/15/23	5/31/23 5/31/26
Lindy Ford 5001 Monck Court Wilmington, NC 28409 910-899-7954 (C)	First 5/15/23	5/31/26

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	APPOINTMENT	EXPIRATION
Hayley Jensen 126 Devonshire Lane Wilmington, NC 28409 347-237-3823 (C) 910-769-5452 (W)	Unexpired 1/22/24	5/31/25
Tracey Newkirk 1010 Nutt Street Apt 4212 Wilmington, NC 28401 910-523-7038	First 5/15/23	5/31/26
April Scott 1406 Weimaraner Ct. Wilmington, NC 28411 910-431-2512 (C)	First 5/17/21	5/31/24
City of Wilmington Members		
Tara Hix 339 Saint Rosea Road Wilmington, NC 28405 843-222-2586 (C)	Unexpired 2/21/23	6/18/24
Jane Birnbach 233 Racine Dr., Unit 6 Wilmington, NC 28403 910-612-0891 (C) 910-763-4424, ext. 110	First 2/18/20 Second 3/18/22	2/18/22 2/18/25
Bridget Tarrant 111 South 9 th St. Wilmington, NC 28401 708-917-1148 (C)	First 2/18/20 Second 3/15/22	2/18/22 2/18/25
Olivia Thames 520 Capeside Drive Wilmington, NC 28412 910-228-8667	Unexpired 3/21/23	5/19/24
Debbie Todd 3808 Antelope Trail Wilmington, NC 28409 910-231-0750 (C)	First 5/18/21 Second 5/16/23	6/18/23 6/18/26
YWCA Lower Cape Fear CEO or Designee: Velva Jenkins, CEO 910-799-6820	First 10/21/19	10/31/22

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Ex. Officio Member: Representative of the North Carolina Council for Women Honorable Robin Robinson, District Court Judge, 5th District	7/1/23	6/30/24
Staff liaison: Linda Thompson Chief Diversity and Equity Officer 230 Government Center Dr., Suite 120 Wilmington, NC 28403 910-798-7414	Revised 1/2024	