

## 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
<b>New Hanover County Members</b>		
Sheila Evans, Chair 818 Bradshaw Terrace Wilmington, NC 28409 910-233-5480 (C)	First 10/21/19	5/31/23
Bhairavi Jeganathan, Vice-Chair 2153 Fowler Street Wilmington, NC 28403 443-424-2472 (C)	First 10/21/19	5/31/23
Meaghan Lewis, Secretary 215 Kenwood Ave. Wilmington, NC 28405 910-607-2417 (C)	Unexpired 11/16/20	5/31/23

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	APPOINTMENT	EXPIRATION
Mireya Lupercio PO Box 7074 Wilmington, NC 28406 919-802-6460 (C)	Unexpired 8/23/21 First 5/16/22	5/31/22 5/31/25
April Scott 1406 Weimaraner Ct. Wilmington, NC 28411 910-431-2512 (C)	First 5/17/2021	5/31/24
<b>City of Wilmington Members</b>		
VACANT		6/18/24
VACANT		5/19/25
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 <sup>th</sup> St. Wilmington, NC 28401 708-917-1148 (C)	First 2/18/20 Second 3/15/22	2/18/22 2/18/25
Debbie Todd 3808 Antelope Trail Wilmington, NC 28409 910-231-0750 (C)	First 3/17/20 Second 5/18/21	6/18/23
<b>YWCA Lower Cape Fear CEO or Designee:</b>		
Velva Jenkins, CEO 910-799-6820	First 10/21/19	10/31/22
<b>Ex. Officio Member:</b>		
Representative of the North Carolina Council for Women TBD	TBD	TBD
Staff liaison: Linda Thompson Chief Diversity and Equity Officer 230 Government Center Dr., Suite 120 Wilmington, NC 28403 910-798-7414	Revised 5/2022	