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Citizen's Energy Advisory Commission: Submitted**Please select your first Board preference: \***

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☒ None Selected

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None Selected

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North Carolina Sustainable  
Association  
Employer

Director of Market Innovation  
Job Title

If you live in an Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Area, select Yes:

☐ Yes ☒ No

In order to assure countywide representation, please indicate your place of residence:

☒ Raleigh

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## Interests & Experiences

Why are you interested in serving on a Board or Commission?

I look forward to contributing to the mission and goals of this Advisory Committee which strongly aligns with my professional efforts at NC Sustainable Energy Association.

## Work Experience

As NCSEA's Director of Market Innovation, Laura Langham supports utilities in their efforts to more effectively design and manage energy programs that align good business practices with customer service and reductions in end-use energy burden. She also develops energy programs focusing on stakeholder collaboration, innovation, and data-driven solutions. Specifically, Laura leads the organization's Utility Solutions Program, Energy Solutions Reserve Fund, and market intelligence programs and initiatives. Before working at NCSEA, Laura was a Program Manager for an energy program at NC State University that conducted state-wide energy improvements to existing homes and provided energy efficiency education and outreach efforts.

## Volunteer Experience

BOD member at The Hope Center - 8 years BOD member at NC Building Performance Association - 2 years BOD member at ECU Center for Sustainable Energy and Environmental Engineering (CSE3) - 3 years (current) BOD member at Liberty Homes - 1 year (current)

## Education

- Master of Environmental Geography degree with a concentration in Sustainable Development from Texas A&M University - Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science Education from The University of North Texas

## Comments

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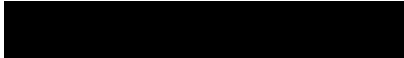
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## Demographics



Date of Birth

Gender \*

☒ Female

Ethnicity \*

☒ Caucasian

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Other

How did you become aware of Wake County volunteer opportunities?

☒ Current Wake County Volunteer

If you selected "Other" above, how?

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# Laura Langham

DIRECTOR OF MARKET INNOVATION  
laura@energync.org



NC SUSTAINABLE  
ENERGY ASSOCIATION

## HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Twenty years of program management experience
- Fifteen years of energy efficiency program design and management experience
- Experienced in developing energy programs focusing on stakeholder collaboration, innovation, and data-driven solutions
- Professional experience in sustainable development, energy efficiency, adult and youth education, volunteer development, curriculum development, facilitation, conflict resolution and mediation.
- Skilled and experienced writer, strategic thinker, project manager, and grant-writer

## EXPERIENCE

### **DIRECTOR OF MARKET INNOVATION, NORTH CAROLINA SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION**

2015 – Present

- Leads NCSEA's Utility Solutions Program, Energy Solutions Reserve Fund, and market intelligence programs and initiatives
- Supports utilities in their efforts to more effectively design and manage energy programs that align good business practices with customer service and reductions in end-use energy burden

### **RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM MANAGER, NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY, COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

2009 – 2015

- Employed innovation, education, collaboration, outreach, and research in managing a state-wide energy efficiency program that included over 500 residential retrofits, 50 workshops, website development, retrofit measurement and verification, community outreach, and the creation of innumerable educational materials.
- Collaborated with and educated Extension professionals, government organizations, utility companies, statisticians, energy conservation professionals, researchers, and North Carolina residents

### **HOME ENERGY COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE PROJECT ASSISTANT, NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

2012

- Planned, developed, and maintained the National Cooperative Extension Service Home Energy Community of Practice Project
- Compiled, thousands of articles, research, and resources and created a shared site where home energy professionals could access and share trusted resources.

### **NORTH CAROLINA YOUTH CLIMATE ADVOCACY PROJECT GRANT MANAGER**

2007 – 2009

- Instilled community involvement in youth through community service projects that promoted sustainable practices
- Coordinated, facilitated and co-led workshops, trainings, and events

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- Convened speakers, political leaders, and specialists to enhance the program
- Assisted in creating and coordinating the production of YouTube pieces, podcasts, public access television pieces, and a documentary film about the group and its activities

## **SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS PROGRAM ASSISTANT AND NASA PROJECT – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE, NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY 2004 – 2005**

- Produced electronic newsletters to help Providers stay informed, keep abreast of upcoming trainings and events, help connect Providers to other SOS facilities, share innovative programs, etc.
- Produced a monthly SOS Resource to Assist Providers (RAP) e-mail that offered useful websites containing information, resources and tools for Providers
- Designed, Conducted and Evaluated surveys
- Presented Peer Mediation / Conflict Resolution workshops and presentations
- Assisted in Symposium coordination and execution at SOS Kick-Off Conference
- Created several training materials and resources such as Program Guides and Student Manuals for Conflict Resolution in Schools and Creating the Peaceable School

## **COMMUNITY MEDIATION PROJECT DIRECTOR, MEDIATION COORDINATOR AND LEAD MEDIATOR, ALBEMARLE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT CENTER 2002 – 2003**

- Managed the center, clientele billings and collections, scheduling and office business procedures
- Led conflict resolution and mediation services
- Developed a teen mediation program for NE North Carolina
- Assisted with the development of a County Teen Program involving youth from diverse backgrounds and addressed first offense teen crimes by diverting their cases to a court run by trained community youth

## **COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT COORDINATOR, TEXAS EXTENSION SERVICE, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY 1995 – 1997**

- Researched and reviewed competency-based learning subsystems
- Identified and began implementation of a competency-based learning system for Texas Extension Service, the outreach component of Texas A&M University with over 1,500 employees in 300 locations across the state
- Conducted the first ever comprehensive baseline study to identify the competencies of extension professionals for applications in selection, training and career development
- Employed a combination of electronic survey research methods, focus groups and in-depth personal interviews to develop competency database
- Presented training programs to TEX employees and administrators to assist them in learning about and understanding the competency program
- Performed role in hiring interviews as Competency Development Coordinator, identifying key competencies in potential candidates

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**NC SUSTAINABLE**  
ENERGY ASSOCIATION

## **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SPECIALIST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTRIES (NACO)** 1993 – 1995

- Developed a national inventory of county-based sustainable development activities
- Developed individual case studies for use by county governments and the President's Council on Sustainable Development
- Collaborated on sustainable development programs with state and local elected officials, U.S. EPA, county government staff, the print, radio and television media and the general public
- Prepared materials for NACO's Sustainable Development Task Force meetings and NACO president speeches
- Learned about the legislative process at the national level and the importance of providing timely, objective and useful information to policy makers
- Assisted in preparation and submission of proposals for funding to help support the program for outside resources

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Book publication: "Innovations in Home Energy Use: A Sourcebook for Behavior Change"
- Board of Directors – Liberty Homes. 2019 - present
- Board Member for ECU Center for Sustainable Energy and Environmental Engineering - East Carolina University. 2017 – present
- Board of Directors - North Carolina Building Performance Association. 2015 – 2016
- Member - NCSU Energy Council. 2013 – 2015
- Member - State Energy Office Energy Efficiency Team. 2010 – 2015, 2017 –Present
- Board of Directors - The Hope Center at Pullen. 2008 – 2015
- 2015 Industry Leader Award - North Carolina Building Performance Association
- 2015 Environmental Residential Green Design Award - The City of Raleigh
- 2015 Green Brick Participation Award - North Carolina State University
- 2012 Extension Housing Outreach Leadership Award - Housing Education and Research Association
- 2010 Community Leader, Peacemaker Award for Mediation and Conflict Resolution - Dare County Government

## **EDUCATION**

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL GEOGRAPHY**  
1989 – 1991

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**  
1981 – 1985

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☒ Council on Fitness and Health**Please select your fourth Board preference: \***

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☒ Capital Area Workforce Development Board**Please select your fifth Board preference: \***

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☒ Water Partnership**Please select your sixth Board preference: \***

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☒ Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee

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Wake County Public Schools

Employer

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Teacher

Job Title

If you live in an Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Area, select Yes:

☒ Yes ☐ No

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## Interests & Experiences

Why are you interested in serving on a Board or Commission?

I am interested in serving on an Advisory Board because I strongly believe that public service is essential to a thriving community. As an educator, I teach my children that it is necessary to be an active citizen, to advocate for their own needs, and to advocate for the good of others. I have always felt that I must lead by the power of example, and would love to serve on an advisory board to simultaneously be a role model for my students while working for my fellow Wake County citizens. As a teacher, and father, I worry every day about the health of our environment, thus it would be my pleasure to serve on the Citizen's Energy Advisory Commission. Knowing that the health of our children is at stake, I am highly motivated to help provide ideas and leadership to help use energy more efficiently, thus leaving a healthy environment for future generations. I believe that I would be an asset to this committee because in my current profession I must constantly analyze different strategies and data in order to adapt my own teaching and improve my instruction for my students. This skill would suit me well in serving on this board, as I would be able to analyze the validity of different methods for reducing energy consumption in the county. In addition, I am regularly working with my teammates to find solutions to challenges that arise at school, which is a skill set that I would utilize if given the opportunity to serve on this commission. Finally, I believe that my prior experience in leadership roles and participating on athletic teams would help me to be a productive member of this committee.

## Work Experience

I have been a Wake County Public School Teacher from 2010 until the present. During that time I served as a member of the Teacher Leader Corps from 2013 until 2015, was our School Improvement Team Chairperson in 2015, and have served as grade level chairperson for the past two years. Prior to that time, I was a Graduate Assistant swim coach at North Carolina State University while I earned my Master's Degree in Special Education.

## Volunteer Experience

2017-2018 Wake County Animal Shelter Volunteer 2014-Present American Red Cross Platelet Donor  
2014-2015 Xcel to Fitness Coach 2011-2012 Athletic Club Coach 2006-2008 Student Athlete Advisory Committee Member (President in 2008) 2006-2008 Cortland County SPCA Volunteer

## Education

Master's Degree in Special Education from North Carolina State University Bachelor's Degree in Childhood Education from State University of New York College at Cortland

## Comments

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## Demographics



Date of Birth

### Gender \*

☒ Male

### Ethnicity \*

☒ Caucasian

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## Other

### How did you become aware of Wake County volunteer opportunities?

☒ County Website

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## **Evan J. Jones**

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### **Education**

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina  
Master of Education **Special Education** May 2010  
GPA 4.0

State University of New York College at Cortland, Cortland, New York  
Bachelor of Science in **Childhood Education** May 2008  
Concentration in History  
GPA 3.64

### **Certification**

North Carolina Elementary Education Teaching License (Grades K-6)

### **Professional Experience**

Wake County Public Schools, Raleigh, North Carolina  
Teacher—Grade 5 August 2010-Present

- Analyze data to create differentiated lessons to meet the needs of all learners by using manipulatives, small group instruction, student choice, and tiered assignments.
- Serve as team leader to disseminate information to colleagues, and represent the needs of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team to the school leadership team.
- Deliver professional development to colleagues, demonstrating new technological resources that improve teacher productivity and student outcomes.
- Collaborate with WCPSS leaders and colleagues to enhance literacy curriculum used in K-5 classrooms by creating more engaging activities that increase student performance.
- Develop trusting relationships with parents and colleagues by demonstrating mutual respect, proactively working to solve problems, and communicating clearly.
- Integrate technology such as iPads, Discovery Education, Khan Academy, and Moby Max Tablets into lessons to differentiate lessons, encourage student creativity and provide engaging student activities.
- Served as the co-chair for the School Improvement Team, providing input to ensure that key processes and action steps that are in place will be beneficial to the school community.
- Acted as a member of the Teacher Leader Corps (a WCPSS initiative in which teachers provide professional development to their peers), attending professional development for the implementation research based best practices with a focus on technology.
- Presented new strategies from Teacher Leader Corps professional development to fellow staff members and provide follow up support for staff members who need assistance outside of training sessions.
- Maximize student engagement by incorporating games, labs and small group activities.
- Implemented the Xcel to Fitness program with a team of boys at school in which participants discussed teamwork, set personal goals, and engaged in various physical activities to encourage teamwork, sportsmanship, and lifelong fitness.

### **Related Experience**

Self-Employed Math Tutor	July 2016-Present
Aquatic Management Group Site Manager	May 2012-September 2013
Highcroft Hurricanes Swim Team, Cary, North Carolina Head Coach	May 2009-August 2011
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina Graduate Assistant-Men's and Women's Swimming Team	August 2008-May 2010
HSBC Bank, Depew, New York Intern	June 2003-August 2005
Northeast YMCA, Amherst, New York Team Leader, Ages 5-8	June-August 2007

### **Honors**

Boy Scouts of America, *Eagle Scout*  
 2008 Childhood/Early Childhood Education Department Senior Award for Academic Excellence  
 SUNY Cortland Honors Program  
 Dean's List, Six Semesters  
 President's List, One Semester  
 SUNYAC All-Academic Team  
 SUNYAC Commissioner's Academic List

### **Athletic Experience**

Captain SUNY Cortland Swimming and Diving Team  
 Captain UBAM Swim Club

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Library Commission: Submitted

Wake County Water Partnership: Submitted

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Job Title

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If you live in an Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Area, select Yes:

☒ Yes ☐ No

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☒ Raleigh

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## Interests & Experiences

Why are you interested in serving on a Board or Commission?

I'm interested in relaying my thoughts and perspectives on matters of concern in my district, including those of my peers.

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## Work Experience

Algaen Corporation last summer.

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## Volunteer Experience

Included in resume, 100+ hours at Key Club, 30+ through National Junior and National Beta Club, 30+ through Cary Teen Council, Enloe High School marshal, National Honors Society, former member of TLC at WCPL

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## Education

Enloe High School, rising junior at NCSSM

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## Comments

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## Demographics

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Date of Birth

Gender \*

☒ Male

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☒ Asian

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**Other**

**How did you become aware of Wake County volunteer opportunities?**

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☒ County Website

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**PROFILE**

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**EDUCATION**

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2017-present William G. Enloe High School, Raleigh, NC

2014-2017 Fred. J Carnage Middle School, Raleigh, NC

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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- President of the Enloe chapter of National French Honor Society
- Varsity member of Enloe Science Olympiad
- Former varsity member of Carnage Science Olympiad
- Member of Enloe Math Honors Society
- Marshal at Enloe High School
- Magnet Guide Tour at Enloe High School
- Varsity member of Enloe LD Speech and Debate
- Synthesizer player for Enloe Marching Band
- 8<sup>th</sup> chair viola in Triangle Youth Orchestra
- Member of National Honor Society for 1 year
- Member of Key Club for 2 years with 100+ hours of service
- Member of National Beta Club for 1 year with 30+ hours of service
- Former member of National Junior Beta Club for 2 years with 50+ hours of service
- Member of Cary Teen Council for 2 years with 30+ hours of service
- Member of Enloe Young Democrats
- Member of Teen Leadership Corps in Wake County
- Junior journalist at The Chinese Press newspaper

**AWARDS**

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**MATH**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Mathcounts School Competition (2017)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Mathcounts Chapter Competition (2017)
- 4<sup>th</sup> place in Mathcounts State Competition (2017)
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in State Math Contest CC2 Division (2016)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in State Math Contest Comprehensive Division (2017)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in State Math Contest Countdown Round (2017)
- Member of Carnage Middle Duke University Mathematics Meet Team
- Nationwide top 5% score in the AMC 8 Competition (2016, 2017)
- Statewide top 10% score in the AMC 10 Competition (2017, 2018)

- Top 40 placement in Region 3 for the Log1 Contest

## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

- Carnage Middle JV Team 1 (2016)
  - Regional Competition:
    - o 1<sup>st</sup> place Green Generation competition
    - o 1<sup>st</sup> place Crave the Wave competition
    - o 5<sup>th</sup> place Anatomy & Physiology competition
- Carnage Middle Varsity Team (2017)
  - Regional Competition:
    - o 2<sup>nd</sup> place Anatomy & Physiology competition
    - o 2<sup>nd</sup> place Rocks and Minerals competition
    - o 3<sup>rd</sup> place Optics competition
  - State Competition:
    - o 7<sup>th</sup> place Anatomy & Physiology competition
    - o 8<sup>th</sup> place Rocks and Minerals competition
    - o 9<sup>th</sup> place Optics competition
  - National Competition:
    - o 30<sup>th</sup> place Anatomy & Physiology competition
    - o 33<sup>rd</sup> place Optics competition
    - o 43<sup>rd</sup> place Rocks and Minerals competition
- Enloe High JV Team 1 (2018)
  - Regional Competition:
    - o 1<sup>st</sup> place Experimental Design competition
    - o 2<sup>nd</sup> place Rocks & Minerals competition
  - State Competition:
    - o 3<sup>rd</sup> place Paper Science competition
- Enloe High Varsity Team (2018)
  - MIT Invitational:
    - o 4<sup>th</sup> place Water Quality competition
    - o 4<sup>th</sup> place Write It Do It competition
  - Duke Invitational:
    - o 1<sup>st</sup> place Water Quality competition
  - Regional Competition:
    - o 1<sup>st</sup> place Water Quality competition
    - o 1<sup>st</sup> place Write It Do It competition
    - o 2<sup>nd</sup> place Experimental Design competition

## FRENCH

- National French Contest Bronze Medalist: Level 1A (2016), Level 2 (2017)
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in statewide High School Cultural Exhibition at NC French Festival (2018)
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in statewide Middle School Cultural Exhibition at NC French Festival (2017)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in statewide Middle School Cultural Exhibition at NC French Festival (2016)
- 5<sup>th</sup> place in statewide Spelling Bee at NC French Festival (2015)

## CHINESE



- 3<sup>rd</sup> place in CLA Cultural Understanding competition (2014)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in CLA Cultural Understanding competition (2015)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in CLA Chinese Spelling Bee competition (2015)
- 4<sup>th</sup> place in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual International U.S. Chinese Essay Contest for Youth (2016)

#### SAT

- 1560 SAT Score out of 1600 (2018)
- Nationally recognized score in the ACT Talent Search Exam (2014).
- Grand Recognition and State Recognition score in the Duke TIP 7<sup>th</sup> Grade SAT (2016).
- 2100 SAT Score out of 2400 in 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- 1470 PSAT Score out of 1600 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade

#### MUSIC

- Winner of the 2018 Gregory McCallum Memorial Piano Scholarship Award
- Superior ratings in Young Artist Auditions for Piano (2013-2016, 2018)
- Superior ratings in NCMTA Piano Competition for Piano (2014-2016).
- Qualifier of the 2018 Junior Piano Competition at High Point University
- Excellent rating in Music Performance Adjudication as principal violist in Level 2 (2017).

#### PROJECTS

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- Organized the first Cary-Shengsi Culture Exchange in Shengsi (2018)
- Interned at Algaen Corp, studying AlgaBerry and its blue green algae proponents (2018)
- Interned at the Raleigh EPA assisting laboratory proteomic work (2018)

#### INTERESTS

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- Playing and performing piano and viola
- Playing tennis
- Reading classic books and short stories
- Writing short stories
- Political debate and current events
- Going to and volunteering at museums