



MEMO FROM COUNCIL OFFICE:

To: Members of the Common Council

From: Stephen Lucas, Council Administrator/Attorney

Date: January 5, 2024

Re: 2024 Council Organizational Meeting

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Election of Officers and Assignment of Seating

State statute ([IC 36-4-6-8](#)) and local municipal code ([BMC 2.04.010](#)) require the Council to meet in January in order to elect a president, vice-president, and parliamentarian from its own membership.

Many duties of the president are set out in local code, while some aspects of the role have evolved as a matter of practice. [BMC 2.04.020](#) (Duties of President) provides:

The president shall have general direction of the council chambers and shall preserve order and decorum. The president shall rule on all points of order subject to an appeal to the council by any two members, shall state all questions properly proposed, shall put all questions which come to a vote, and shall declare the results of each vote. After any ordinance, resolution, address or order is adopted by the council, the president shall certify such action and certification shall be attested by the city clerk. In the absence of the president, the vice-president shall preside.

The president also approves the agendas for regular sessions, special sessions called by the president or voted upon by the council, and committees convened to consider legislation referred to them. The president also appoints councilmembers to any established standing committees of the Council, observing the preference of each member as closely as possible, and appoints a chairperson for each committee.

The election of officers has often unfolded with a motion by a councilmember to nominate a slate of candidates for the three positions. Unless there are further nominations, the Council then votes on the slate as a whole. If there are other nominations for a particular office, then a vote on the nominations for that office should proceed separately. The motion requires a majority vote to be adopted.

Once officers are elected, the new officers and other councilmembers typically rearrange their seating. Please note that the president has the duty of assigning seats, but any two councilmembers may change seats by joining in a written memorandum and submitting it to the president ([BMC 2.04.110](#)).



Council Committee Assignments

As noted above, the president is also given the duty of assigning councilmembers to committees, observing the preferences of the Councilmembers as closely as possible when doing so ([BMC 2.04.210](#)). If the president is ready, those assignments may also be announced at the Organizational Meeting. However, if additional time is needed for councilmembers to communicate their preferences to the president, these assignments may also be announced at a later date.

Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Other Organizations

Appointments – Council

The Council may vote on the appointment of Councilmembers to serve on various boards, commissions, or organizations. This may also be done by nomination of a slate of candidates or individually. Such motions require a simple majority to be adopted.

Appointments – Citizens

Please note that the Council may also use this occasion to make citizen appointments to boards or commissions if any are ready to be made. Any such nominations require a simple majority to be adopted.

Group Photo

Typically, a group photo is taken at the first meeting of the year so that an updated photo can be added to the Council webpage. Please let the Clerk/Council Offices know whether you will not be able to attend this meeting in person and stay after for a photo of the Council for the webpage.

ORGANIZATION DAY WORKSHEET FOR 2024 - JANUARY 10, 2024

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (action by motions of Council)

	2023	2024
President	Sgambelluri	
Vice President	Piedmont-Smith	
Parliamentarian	Rollo	

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (action by motions of Council)

(All appointments of Councilmembers are for voting members except where noted.)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[Bloomington Economic Development Corp.](#) >>>>

(1-year term; ex-officio)

Sgambelluri

The BEDC is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the retention, development, and attraction of quality jobs in Monroe County, Indiana. Its work is guided by 6 officers from the business sector as well as ex officio members from city government, county government, and the town of Ellettsville.

[Downtown Bloomington, Inc Board of Directors](#) >>>>

(1-year term; ex-officio)

Sgambelluri

Downtown Bloomington Inc. [DBI] is a non-profit membership organization focused on the continued revitalization of Downtown Bloomington, Indiana. Since 1984, the mission has been to educate the public about the benefits of a strong downtown, to facilitate public and private partnerships and to provide unified leadership in order to strengthen and support Downtown Bloomington as the heart of the city for all citizens. The Board of DBI includes representatives from city and county governments, the non-profit sector, downtown businesses, and Visit Bloomington.

[Economic Development Commission \(County\)](#) >>>>

(Nomination by Council; 4-year term; removal limited by state code [IC 36-7-12];)

Sandberg

The Economic Development Commission of Monroe County is established under Indiana state code for the financing of economic development and pollution control facilities, to review issues related to tax abatements, and to hear economic development bond applicants.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (action by motions of Council)

(All appointments of Councilmembers are for voting members except where noted.)

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

Plan Commission

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2023

Smith

2024

(Term of Council appointee is co-extensive with member's term of office on Council, unless the Council appoints another to serve as its representative [IC 36-7-4-217].)

The Plan Commission is the land use and development policy body for the City and is the decision-making body for site plan review, preliminary and final plats, and final Planned Unit Developments (PUDs). The Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the Common Council for rezoning requests, preliminary PUDs, and amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The Plan Commission also advises the Common Council on the adoption of, and amendments to, the Comprehensive Plan.

Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Volan

The Bloomington-Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMCMPPO) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) that serves the City of Bloomington, the Town of Ellettsville and parts of Monroe County, as originally designated by the Governor of Indiana in 1982. The BMCMPPO also includes Indiana University and Bloomington Transit as planning partners.

The Policy Committee of the Bloomington-Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMCMPPO) discusses and approves MPO policies, plans, and programs.

Parking Commission

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Volan

(1-year term [BMC 2.12.110])

The purpose of the Parking Commission is, in coordination with decision-makers and other entities as is necessary or prudent: (1) to develop, implement, maintain, and promote a comprehensive policy on parking that takes into account the entirety of, and furthers the objectives of, the city's comprehensive plan; and (2) to coordinate parking activities, to carry on educational activities in parking matters, to supervise the preparation and publication of parking reports, to receive comments and concerns having to do with parking matters, and to recommend to the common council and to appropriate city officials ways and means for achieving the city's comprehensive plan objectives through the administration of parking policies and the enforcement of parking regulations.

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT

Board of the Waste Reduction District of Monroe County

(formerly Solid Waste Management District)

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Piedmont-Smith

(Term of Council appointee is co-extensive with member's term of office on Council, but serves at the pleasure of the Council [IC 13- 21-3-8].)

The mission of the Waste Reduction District of Monroe County (formerly the Monroe County Solid Waste Management District) is to promote and contribute to long-term sustainability and a healthier environment by reducing the amount of waste going to final disposal. We recognize that waste reduction plays an important role in mitigating climate change and improving environmental quality, and we place our mission in this global and local context.

Bloomington Commission on Sustainability

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Flaherty

The City of Bloomington Commission on Sustainability (BCOS) promotes economic development, environmental health, and social equity in our community for present and future generations. The commission gathers and disseminates information; promotes practical initiatives; and measures, monitors, and reports on our community's progress toward sustainability.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (action by motions of Council)

(All appointments of Councilmembers are for voting members except where noted.)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Citizens Advisory Committee - Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

(1-year term)

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2023

2024

— Social Services

Smith

— Physical Improvements

Rosenbarger

This is the public body that reviews and recommends CDBG funding for a variety of community projects.

TAX ADVISORY BOARDS

Food and Beverage Tax Advisory Commission
(County)

(1-year term [IC 6-9-41-16])

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Volan

In order to coordinate and assist efforts of the county and city fiscal bodies regarding the utilization of food and beverage tax receipts, an advisory commission was established. The county and city legislative bodies must request the advisory commission's recommendations concerning the expenditure of any food and beverage tax funds collected under state law.

Public Safety Local Income Tax Committee
(of the County Local Income Tax Council)

(1-year term | 4 council members, assuming the MC LIT Council members meet in the same manner as in 2023.)

Piedmont-Smith

Sims

Rollo

Sandberg

The Monroe County Local Income Tax Council serves as the “adopting body” in regard to certain Local Income Tax Rates per IC 6-3.6 et al. It is composed of four members -- the Bloomington Common Council, Ellettsville Town Council, Monroe County Council, and Stinesville Town Council. Representatives of the members sit on the Public Safety Local Income Tax (PS-LIT) Committee, which meets every summer to review applications for funding under IC 6-3.6-6-8(c) and consider other PS-LIT needs in these jurisdictions and make recommendations on PS-LIT tax rates and allocations to the Tax Council.

UTILITIES

Utilities Service Board

(No designated term length, serves at the pleasure of the Council; ex-officio, non-voting [BMC 2.24.030].)

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Sims

Oversees the Utilities Department and coordinates operations with City policies.

Assignment to Standing Committees & Appointment of Chairs - 2024 Actions by President

Note: This table represents Council Standing Committees as they presently exist. Should the Council act to create or abolish any standing committees, thereby affecting the list of committees below, the President shall adjust the assignments to affected committees accordingly

	2023	2024	
Climate Action & Resilience Committee	Rollo (Chair)		
	Piedmont-Smith		
	Flaherty		
	Smith		
Jack Hopkins Social Services Committee	Sandberg (Chair)		
	Sims		
	Rosenbarger		
	Smith		
	<i>- Citizen Members for Funding Process</i>	<i>Fraley</i>	
		<i>Mayer</i>	
		<i>Scholl</i>	
Sidewalk Committee	Sims (Chair)		
	Sandberg		
	Rosenbarger		
	Volan		
Interview Committee A	Smith		
	Sims		
	Rosenbarger		

Interview Committee B

Flaherty	
Sgambelluri	
Volan	

Interview Committee C

Piedmont-Smith	
Rollo	
Sandberg	

2024 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

INTERVIEW COMMITTEE – ASSIGNMENT GRID

Committee	A	B	C
Boards and Commissions			
Animal Control	x		
Bloomington Arts Commission			x
Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Commission		x	
Bloomington Digital Underground Advisory Committee		x	
Board of Zoning Appeals	x		
Commission on Aging	x		
Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs			x
Commission on the Status of Black Males	x		
Commission on the Status of Women		x	
Commission on Sustainability			x
Commission on the Status of Children and Youth			x
Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS)		x	
Environmental Commission		x	
Historic Preservation Commission			x
Housing Quality Appeals Board	x		
Human Rights Commission	x		
MLK Commission		x	
Parking Commission			x
Public Transportation Corporation	x		
Redevelopment Commission			x
Traffic Commission		x	
Telecommunications Council		x	
Tree Commission			x
Urban Enterprise Association	x		
Utilities Service Board		x	

Note: the Council also makes appointments to the Capital Improvement Board (established by the Monroe County Commissioners to manage and direct the affairs of the Monroe County Convention Center and its expansion) and to the City of Bloomington Capital Improvement Board (CBCI). Appointment nominations for these two entities have not been assigned to an Interview Committee.

Council Member Seating 2019 – 2024

(Assigned by President)

Seating For the Year 2019

Ruff	Chopra	Piedmont-Smith	Granger	Rollo	Volan	Sims	Sturbaum	Sandberg
			Vice President	President	Parliamentarian			

Seating For the Year 2020

Rollo	Sgambelluri	Rosenbarger	Sims	Volan	Piedmont-Smith	Flaherty	Smith	Sandberg
			Vice	President	Parliamentarian			

Seating for the Year 2021

Rollo	Volan	Rosenbarger	Sgambelluri	Sims	Flaherty	Piedmont-Smith	Smith	Sandberg
			Vice President	President	Parliamentarian			

Seating For the Year 2022

Smith	Volan	Sims	Sgambelluri	Sandberg	Rollo	Flaherty	Rosenbarger	Piedmont-Smith
			Vice President	President	Parliamentarian			

Seating for the Year 2023

Flaherty	Rosenbarger	Sims	Piedmont-Smith	Sgambelluri	Rollo	Sandberg	Smith	Volan
			Vice President	President	Parliamentarian			

Seating for the Year 2024

			Vice President	President	Parliamentarian			

NOTE: Members shall occupy the seats assigned them by the presiding officer, but any two or more members may exchange seats by joining in a written memorandum to that effect. (BMC 2.04.110)