

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

***Seven (7) vacancies with terms to 4-1-20 and 4-1-21, representing the following categories: 1 - Wholesale Treated, 1 - Residential Customer, 1 - Large Commercial Customer, 1 - Military Facility Representative, 1 - Nueces River Representative, 1 - Port Industries Representative and 1 - School District Representative. (Note: Staff is recommending the postponement of 1 - School District Representative for further recruitment.) (Mayoral appointment with confirmation by Council)**

Composition

Ten (10) members appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council for two-year staggered terms. The members shall include 1 - residential customer (home owner) of the City's water system; 1 - large commercial customer of the City's water system, 1 - wholesale raw or treated water customer of the City's regional water supply system, 1 - representative of the Port Industries of Corpus Christi, 1 - representative of a school district located within the city, 1- representative of a military facility, 1 - representative of landscaping/nursery/horticulture interest; 1 - apartment owner or owner's representative, 1 - citizen at-large and 1 - member or employee of an organization that seeks to protect or positively influence the Nueces River watershed or its ecosystems. In addition, the Mayor may appoint one or two Council member(s) to serve as ex-officio member(s).

Name	Term	Start date	End date	Appointing Authority	Position	Status	Category	Attendance
*Robert Kunkel	3	7/27/2012	4/1/2018	Mayor with Council Confirmation		Met six year service limitation	Port Industries	
Lucia Sosa	3	4/10/2012	4/1/2018	Mayor with Council Confirmation		Met six year service limitation	School District	
*Faren K Von Duben	1	7/25/2017	4/1/2019	Mayor with Council Confirmation		Seeking reappointment	Lg. Commercial Customer	3/4 meetings 75%
*Joelle Francois	2	4/28/2015	4/1/2019	Mayor with Council Confirmation		Seeking reappointment	Residential Customer	2/4 meetings 50% (2 excused absences)
*Rocky Freund	2	4/28/2015	4/1/2019	Mayor with Council Confirmation		Seeking reappointment	Nueces River Rep.	4/4 meetings 100%
*Roberto A Reece	2	12/8/2015	4/1/2019	Mayor with Council Confirmation		Seeking reappointment	Military Facility	3/4 meetings 75% (1 excused absence)
*Brian Williams	2	2/11/2014	4/1/2019	Mayor with Council Confirmation		Seeking reappointment	Wholesale Treated	3/4 meetings 75% (1 excused absence)
Sally Gill	3	1/22/2013	4/1/2020	Mayor with Council Confirmation	Chair	Active	Landscaping	

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Leah Tiner	1	7/25/2017	4/1/2020	Mayor with Council Confirmation		Active	Citizen At-Large	
Greg Smith	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mayor	Ex-Officio, Non-voting	Active	Mayoral	
Rudy Garza	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mayor	Ex-Officio, Non-voting	Active	Mayoral	

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Applications

Name	District	Category
Barrett Fines	District 5	Port Industries Representative
Allen S Parish	District 5	Residential Customer
Daniel J. Riechers	District 4	Residential Customer
Eric Tunchez	District 3	Residential Customer
Melissa E. Zamora	District 2	Landscaping and Nueces River Representative

Application for a City Board, Commission, Committee or Corporation

Profile

Barrett

First Name

Fines

Last Name

barrett.fines@fhr.com

Email Address

5901 King Trail

Street Address

corpus christi

City

TX

State

78414

Postal Code

What district do you live in? *☒ District 5**Current resident of the city?**☒ Yes ☐ No

16

If yes, how many years?

Mobile: (210) 385-4734

Primary Phone

Business: (361) 242-5252

Alternate Phone

Flint Hills Resources

Employer

Process Improvement Manager

Job Title

2825 Suntide

Work Address - Street Address and Suite Number

Corpus Christi

Work Address - City

TX

Work Address - State

78409

Work Address - Zip Code

361-242-5252

Work Phone

barrett.fines@fhr.com

Work E-mail address

Preferred Mailing Address

☒ Home/Primary Address

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Submitted

Interests & Experiences

Are you a registered voter?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you currently serve on any other City board, commission or committee at this time? If so, please list:

None

Education, Professional and/or Community Activity (Present)

Masters of Science from University of Texas Bachelors in Biology from TAMUCC

Why are you interested in serving on a City board, commission or committee?

Corpus Christi's current/future water resources are an integral part the livelihood of our citizens and economic growth. As a citizen and an employee of a company that relies on our water resources, I am looking to use my education and background to ensure the sustainability of those resources.

Are you an ex-Officio member of a City Board, commission or committee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Demographics

Gender

☒ Male

Code of Ethics - Rules of Conduct/Conflicts of Interest

Do you represent any person or organization in any claim or lawsuit or proceeding involving the City?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you, your spouse, your business or your spouse's business have a City contract?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Does your employer or your spouse's employer have a City contract?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you involved with any activities or employment that would conflict with the official duties on the City boards for which you are applying?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you, your spouse, your business or your spouse's business involved in any pending bid, proposal or negotiation in connection with a contract with the City?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you or your spouse have a pending claim, lawsuit or proceeding against the City?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions above, please explain or ask to speak with the City's Legal Department.

N/A

Board-specific questions (if applicable)

Question applies to WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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☒ Port Industries Representative

Verification

City Code Requirement - Residency

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Oath

I swear that all of the statements included in my application and attached documents, if any, are true and correct.

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Allen


First Name

S

Middle Initial

Parish

Last Name


Email Address

7446 Lake Neuchatel Dr.

Street Address

Corpus Christi

City

TX

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78413

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What district do you live in? *☒ District 5**Current resident of the city?**☒ Yes ☐ No

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If yes, how many years?

Mobile: (361) 876-8198

Primary Phone

Home: (361) 876-8198

Alternate Phone

none

Work Address - Street Address and Suite Number

none

Work E-mail address

Preferred Mailing Address☒ Home/Primary Address**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

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Interests & Experiences**Are you a registered voter?**☒ Yes ☐ No

Why are you interested in serving on a City board, commission or committee?

Give back to the City that has been so very good to me, family, friends and citizens! Passionate about helping the city secure a stable, long term water. Long been supportive of desalination.

Are you an ex-Officio member of a City Board, commission or committee?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Demographics

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Profile

Daniel

First Name

J.

Middle Initial

Riechers

Last Name

Email Address

418 Troy Drive

Street Address

Corpus Christi

City

TX

State

78412

Postal Code

What district do you live in? *☒ District 4**Current resident of the city?**☒ Yes ☐ No

4

If yes, how many years?

Home: (361) 500-5651

Primary Phone

Business: (361) 825-2823

Alternate Phone

Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

Employer

Senior Research Development Officer

Job Title

6300 Ocean Drive, FC151E

Work Address - Street Address and Suite Number

Corpus Christi

Work Address - City

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78412

Work Address - Zip Code

3618252823

Work Phone

daniel.riechers@tamucc.edu

Work E-mail address

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Submitted

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Submitted

REGIONAL HEALTH AWARENESS BOARD: Submitted

Interests & Experiences

Are you a registered voter?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you currently serve on any other City board, commission or committee at this time? If so, please list:

NA

Education, Professional and/or Community Activity (Present)

Degree in progress-- PhD in Technical Communication and Rhetoric, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX (online). M.S. in Technical Communication, NCSU (2011), M.A. in Literature, University of Minnesota (2005).

Why are you interested in serving on a City board, commission or committee?

To help make Corpus Christi a better place for all of its citizens.

[Upload a Resume](#)

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I work for Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi. that institution has relationships with the city, but I do not believe that it has any contracts. Before accepting a board position, I would ask for confirmation from the city/board chairperson.

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Senior Research Development Officer and PhD Student
 6300 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78412
 361-825-2823, daniel.riechers@ttu.edu

Education:

PhD student, Technical Communication and Rhetoric Concentration: Rhetoric of Science, Technology, and Medicine Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX	Expected 2020
Master of Science, Technical Communication Concentration: Science Journalism North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina	May 2011
Master of Arts, English Literature; Minors: Rhetoric, History of Science and Technology The University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota	June 2005
Bachelor of Liberal Studies; minor: English Literature The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Wisconsin	June 2001
Associate of Applied Science, Avionics Technology Fox Valley Technical College, Oshkosh, Wisconsin	June 1996

Experience:

Academic

8/15 – 5/16	Adjunct English Instructor	Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi Corpus Christi, TX Courses: Composition 1, English 1301
1/12 - 5/13	English Instructor	Wake Technical Community College Raleigh, North Carolina Courses: Freshman Composition, English 111
1/06 - 12/06	English Instructor & Writing Tutor	Durham Technical Community College Durham, North Carolina Courses: Freshman Composition, English 111 Developmental English, English 090
2002 - 2005	English Instructor & Teaching Assistant	University of Minnesota—Twin Cities Minneapolis, Minnesota Courses: Composition, English 1301 Black Female Writers in the U.S., English 3592 (T.A.)

Industry

2011 - present	Writer and Editor	Freelance
9/14 - present	Senior Research Development Officer	Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi Corpus Christi, TX
9/13 - 8/14	Senior Technical Writer	Nordson Corporation, Amherst, OH

6/08 - 8/13	Technical Publications Manager	Eaton Corporation Raleigh, North Carolina
4/07 - 5/08	Technical Instructor	Eaton Corporation Raleigh, North Carolina
3/06 - 4/07	Senior Editorial Assistant and Advertising Manager	Duke Magazine, Duke University Durham, North Carolina
10/05 - 3/06	Professional/Administrative Temporary Employee	Duke Magazine, Duke University Durham, North Carolina
1998 - 2002	Avionics Technician	Gulfstream Aerospace, Inc. Appleton, Wisconsin
1991 - 1998	Aircraft Propulsion Technician	Air National Guard
1996 - 1998	Avionics Bench Technician	Avionics Specialist, Inc., Memphis, TN

Selected Publications:

Creative

Borrenpohl, N., Hunt, L., McCauley, A. K., & **Riechers, D. J.** (2017, February - August). *Futurescapes* [Interactive multimedia exhibit]. The TTU Humanities Center, Lubbock, TX. Exhibited on campus and at the Museum of Texas Tech.

Technical Communication

iTRAX Electronic Pressure Regulator: Customer Product Manual. (2014). *iTRAX Electronic Pressure Regulator*. Nordson Corporation, Amherst, OH. Retrieved from <http://emanuals.nordson.com/finishing/files/Cont-Liq/1604922.pdf>
Eaton 9390 UPS Service Manual (800 pages). (2013). *Eaton 9390 UPS*. Eaton Corporation, Raleigh, NC.
Dell UPS and EBM Quick Start Guide (2 pages). (2012). *Dell UPS and EBM*. Eaton Corporation, Raleigh, NC.

Journalism

Riechers, D. J. (2014, February 26). "Riverkeeper: DENR Slow to Act as Riverwood Development Pollutes." *The Raleigh Public Record*. Retrieved from <http://raleighpublicrecord.org/environment-news/2014/02/26/riverkeeper-denr-slow-to-act-as-riverwood-development-pollutes/>
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---. (2012, September 24). "Central Prison Leaking Fuel Into Rocky Branch Creek." *WRAL*. Retrieved from <http://www.wral.com/central-prison-leaking-fuel-into-rocky-branch-creek/11583935/>
---. (2012, August 20). "Raleigh Sues the State to Protect Water Supply." *The Raleigh Public Record*. Retrieved from <http://www.indyweek.com/indyweek/durham-to-post-new-signs-advising-falls-lake-beachgoers/Content?oid=2468707>
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---. (2011, May 4). "Who's Responsible for the Falls Lake Mess?" *The Independent Weekly*. Retrieved from <http://www.indyweek.com/indyweek/whos-responsible-for-the-falls-lake-mess/Content?oid=2441223>

Marketing

Division of Research, Commercialization and Outreach Annual Report. (2016, 2017). Division of Research, Commercialization and Outreach, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX.

Research Development and Commercialization Brochure. (2016). Division of Research, Commercialization and Outreach, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX.

Conferences Presentations and Invited Talks:

- Using Cohorts as a Model for Student Engagement and Retention in Graduate Technical Communication Programs, roundtable presentation, Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication, October 4-8, 2017
- Communicating Epidemiology: Transforming a Region with Data to Enable Public Health Action, poster presentation, Association for Computing Machinery Special Interest Group for Design of Communication, Student Research Competition, August 11-14, 2017
- Workshop Participant, Binational Perspectives on Gulf of Mexico Sustainability, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, March 8-10, 2017
- Guest lecturer for ENG 520: Science Writing for the Media at NCSU, October 2011
- "Implementing Editing Peer Review with Writer-Editors" presented at the STC Summit in Sacramento, CA, as part of the Technical Editing SIG progression, May 2011

Funders:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Science Foundation • National Endowment for the Humanities • National Endowment for the Arts • National Institutes of Health • National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration • Department of Defense • Office of Naval Research • Robert Wood Johnson Foundation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spencer Foundation • Hogg Foundation • Texas Sea Grant • Texas Commission on the Arts • Environmental Protection Agency • SummerLee Foundation • American Library Association • NASA • Humanities Texas • DHS/HHRS |
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Grants Supported:***National Science Foundation***

- STEM+C (pending)
- DRK-12 (pending)
- AISL (pending)
- ATE (Awarded, 2016, \$788,000)
- CAREER, (Awarded, 2016, \$460,000)
- MRI, (Awarded, 2016, \$681,000), (Awarded, 2015, \$540,000)
- Science Learning + (not awarded)

National Endowment for the Humanities

- NEH Fellowships (Awarded, 2017, \$50,400)
- NEH Awards for Faculty at Hispanic Serving Institutions (not awarded)
- NEH Humanities Initiatives at Hispanic-Serving Institutions (not awarded), (pending)
- NEH Summer Stipend (Awarded, 2016, \$6,000)

Other

- EPA Environmental Education Grant (not awarded)
- Hogg Foundation (not awarded)
- Humanities Texas Small Grant (Awarded, 2016, \$6,000)
- NEA Fellowship (poetry, not awarded)
- NIH SCORE (not awarded)
- NOAA BAA (not awarded)
- Spencer Foundation Small Research Grants (not awarded)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (Awarded, 2016, \$300,000)
- Teagle Foundation
- Texas Commission on the Arts
- Texas Sea Grant (numerous, \$1m+)
- U.S. Economic Development Administration, EDA Grant (not awarded)

Workshops Led:

- Career Planning for Faculty
- Understanding Research Funding Agencies
- Analyzing Calls for Proposals
- Finding Funding Opportunities in the Humanities
- Finding Funding Opportunities (multidisciplinary)
- Project Management for Academics
- Center for Faculty Excellence Research Development Workshop for New Faculty

Funding:

- Travel Award, Student Research Competition, ACM SIGDOC, \$500

Academic Memberships:

- Association for Computing Machinery
- Society for Technical Communication
- National Council of Teachers of English
- National Association of Science Writers

Professional Development Attended:

- Broader Impacts Workshop, 2017
- NIH Grant Writing
- Canvas Business Model
- Project Management Fundamentals
- Project Management Applications
- NORDP Growing the Research Enterprise: 'Speed-Networking', 2105
- NORDP Research Development Best Practices, 2015
- Qualtrics, 2015
- Certificate of Professional Development in Best Practices for Online Course Design, 2015
- Grant Writing

Service:***Academic***

- College of Education and Human Development Dean Search Committee (2016-17)
- Technical and Professional Writing Program Advisory Committee (2014-2016)
- College of Liberal Arts Dean Search Committee (2015-16)

Professional/Industry

- Development and Management of the annual Faculty Research Development Program (2014 - 2017)
- Judge, Haas Writing Awards for Students (2017, 2016, 2015)
- Chair, Division of Research, Commercialization and Outreach website redesign committee
- Volunteer for the Cleveland Ohio chapter of STC, 2013-2014
- Director at Large of the STC-Carolina Chapter, 2012 – 2013
- Treasurer for the Technical Editing Special Interest Group of the STC, 2012 – 2013
- Judge for the Society for Technical Communication Competition, 2009 – 2013

Recognition:

- Story of the Year, "Central Prison Fuel Leak," Raleigh Public Record, 2012
- New volunteer of the year, STC Technical Editing Special Interest Group, 2012
- Society for Technical Communication Competitions, Carolina Chapter, Merit and Excellence Awards for publications, 2009 and 2010

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Profile

Eric

First Name

Tunchez

Last Name


Email Address

4910 blundell street

Street Address

Corpus christi

City

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78415

Postal Code

What district do you live in? *☒ District 3**Current resident of the city?**☒ Yes ☐ No

31

If yes, how many years?

Home: (361) 947-3417

Primary Phone

Home: (361) 500-9124

Alternate Phone

By the book bookstore

Employer

Bookseller

Job Title

702 Ayers street

Work Address - Street Address and Suite Number

Books@bythebookbookstore.com

Work E-mail address

Preferred Mailing Address☒ Home/Primary Address**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Submitted

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Are you a registered voter?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Del Mar College graduate University of Houston graduate

Why are you interested in serving on a City board, commission or committee?

To make Corpus Christi more efficient and safe.

Are you an ex-Officio member of a City Board, commission or committee?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Demographics

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Application for a City Board, Commission, Committee or Corporation

Profile

Ms. Melissa E. Zamora
Prefix First Name Middle Initial Last Name

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Email Address

3917 Brawner pkwy
Street Address

Corpus Christi TX 78411
City State Postal Code

What district do you live in? *

☒ District 2

Current resident of the city?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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If yes, how many years?

Home: (361) 425-2318 Mobile: (361) 425-2318
Primary Phone Alternate Phone
Texas A&M University Corpus Christi-Environmental Health & Safety Department
Employer Job Title
Recycling Coordinator

6300 Ocean Dr.
Work Address - Street Address and Suite Number

Corpus Christi
Work Address - City

Texas
Work Address - State

78412
Work Address - Zip Code

361-825-5525
Work Phone

mzamora4@islander.tamucc.edu
Work E-mail address

Preferred Mailing Address

☒ Home/Primary Address

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Submitted

TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Submitted

CLEAN CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Submitted

Interests & Experiences

Are you a registered voter?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you currently serve on any other City board, commission or committee at this time? If so, please list:

N/A

Education, Professional and/or Community Activity (Present)

I recently graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science with a minor in Biology from Texas A&M University Corpus Christi. I am now currently working at Texas A&M University Corpus Christi as a part-time employee of sustainability (which was a job I was able to help create on campus through my hard work and dedication on improving the campus community gardens, the creation of the university's first compost program and creating the student led organization known as The Islander Green Team, along with many more related projects aimed at creating a more environmentally sustainable campus).

Why are you interested in serving on a City board, commission or committee?

I am interested in serving on a city committee because I would like to help make a difference in my community. I was born and raised in this city and have always noticed ways we can improve, especially in pertinence to environmental awareness and sustainable action planning/maintenance. In regards to the water resources advisory committee, I would like to share my knowledge and experience gained in protecting our surrounding waters from litter and pollution of all kinds, while educating the public on how precious our water is and how they can be apart of improving it. In regards to the tree advisory committee, I would like to share my love and knowledge of plants/trees that are known to grow well in this area (like native and subtropical varieties). Finally, in regards to the clean city advisory committee, I would like to share me knowledge of waste management skills and litter clean up experience I have gained through my years in school and working with local organizations. I am continuing to work towards creating a better recycling/composting program at Texas A&M University Corpus Christi and would love to help build partnerships within the university and the Corpus Christi community in order to keep our city and surrounding area as clean and green as possible. I realize that I may not be able to join all three committees I have applied for at once, nor do I think I have the time/effort to join all three at once. I am simply applying for the top three on my list and would really appreciate to be apart of any of the committees I applied for. I would especially like to be apart of the tree advisory committee, although I am not a certified horticulturist/landscape architect, I do have experience in growing and maintaining several community gardens in the area and have successfully grown various types of native & subtropical plant species that grow well in South Texas.

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Are you an ex-Officio member of a City Board, commission or committee?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Demographics

Gender

☒ Female

Code of Ethics - Rules of Conduct/Conflicts of Interest

Do you represent any person or organization in any claim or lawsuit or proceeding involving the City?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you, your spouse, your business or your spouse's business have a City contract?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Does your employer or your spouse's employer have a City contract?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you involved with any activities or employment that would conflict with the official duties on the City boards for which you are applying?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you, your spouse, your business or your spouse's business involved in any pending bid, proposal or negotiation in connection with a contract with the City?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you or your spouse have a pending claim, lawsuit or proceeding against the City?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions above, please explain or ask to speak with the City's Legal Department.

N/A

Board-specific questions (if applicable)

Question applies to CLEAN CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Clean City Advisory Committee must include representatives from certain categories. Do you qualify for any of the following categories? *

☒ None of the above

Question applies to TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Tree Advisory Committee must include representatives from certain categories. Do you qualify for any of the following categories? *

☒ None of the above

Question applies to WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Water Resources Advisory Committee must include members representing certain categories. Do you qualify for any of the following categories? *

- ☒ Landscaping / Nursery / Horticulture Interest Representative
- ☒ Member or Employee of an Organization that Seeks to Protect or Influence the Nueces River Watershed or its Ecosystems

Verification

City Code Requirement - Residency

As a board, commission, or committee member, you will be asked to adhere to City Code of Ordinances, Section 2-65, which states that all members of City boards and commissions, including ad hoc committees, appointed by the City, must be residents of the city. A move outside the city limits of the city by any member shall constitute automatic resignation from the particular board or commission on which such member served.

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City Code Requirement - Attendance

As a board, commission, or committee member, you will be asked to adhere to City Code of Ordinances, Section 2-61, which provides that absences from more than 25% of regularly scheduled meetings during a term year on the part of any board, commission, or committee member shall result in an automatic termination. An absence shall be deemed unexcused unless excused by the board, commission or committee for good cause no later than its next meeting after the absence.

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Consent for Release of Information

I understand that if any member of the public makes a request for information included in this application or in any attachment (e.g. resume or supporting documentation) for appointment it is subject to and must be disclosed under the Texas Public Information Act. I understand that under the Texas Public Information Act, my home address and home telephone number is subject to public disclosure unless I am elected or appointed to the position which I seek. I hereby consent to the release of my home address and home telephone number should it be requested under the Texas Public Information Act prior to my possible appointment or election. I hereby release the City of Corpus Christi, and its agents, employees and officers, from any and all liability whatsoever if the information must be released pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act.

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Oath

I swear that all of the statements included in my application and attached documents, if any, are true and correct.

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Melissa Evan Zamora

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EDUCATION

Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science (Biology minor)

Del Mar College

Associate of Science in Biology (Biotechnology Certificate)

SKILLS & ABILITIES

- Strong communication skills
- Ability to work well in leadership roles and group settings
- Great sense of organization, attention to detail and record keeping skills
- Passionate about what I do
- Strong initiative for creating, maintaining and finalizing projects

EXPERIENCE

Recycling Coordinator, Environmental Health & Safety Department

Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

May 2018 - Still Employed

- Work collaboratively with faculty, staff, students, and administration to develop, coordinate, and promote effective sustainable initiatives to reduce the university's impact on the environment
- Manage the Islander Green Team (IGT) Compost Program and Islander Green Gardens
- Coordinate student workers, volunteers and IGT to implement programs and activities related to environmental sustainability on campus and throughout the community

Student Worker, Environmental Health & Safety Department

Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

January 2017 - May 2018

- Worked alongside the Environmental, Health and Safety Department in support of the green initiatives on campus
- Promoted and actively took part in sustainability education, awareness, resource development and waste audits
- Helped initiate various Islander Green Garden operations like developing a weekly, hands on educational garden program
- Created and facilitated the first campus compost program at TAMUCC

Caregiver, The Jewish Community Center

May 2014 – March 2018

- Created various projects and activities throughout the school year for children ages 4-6 years old
- Facilitated The “KinderGARDENING” Program

Student Worker, Department of Science and Engineering

Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

September 2016 – January 2017

- Assisted with organizing office supplies and filing documents
- Picked up and delivered important forms and large packages

Educator, Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History

May 2016-September 2016

- Educated children K-12 through a broad range of activities, demonstrations, projects and presentations based on various fields of science and historical events

Student Worker, Del Mar College Library

August 2008-August 2014

- Helped with office work, organizing books, setting up equipment for different classrooms and events

INTERNSHIPS

Environmental Health & Safety Department

Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

January 2018 - May 2018

- Served as The Islander Green Team Compost instructor
- Managed and maintained The Islander Gardens
- Instructed and trained volunteers
- Helped hire and assign student workers with various tasks
- Utilized techniques like problem solving, time management and basic hand-tool use to perform various tasks
- Initiated a Learning Garden at The Early Childhood Development Center

Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program

February 2013 - May 2013

- Environmental educator for children K-12
- Responsible for teaching groups of children about local wildlife, plants and habitats
- Received certificate from the Texas Forest Service: Project Learning Tree

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- **Waste Management** at The USA 2018 Youth Sailing World Championships
July 2018
- **Compost Implementer** at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi
September 2016-January 2017
- **Garden Facilitator** at Clairelaine Community Garden
May 2012 - May 2016
- **Texas Parks and Wildlife Ambassador** for Texas Parks and Wildlife
June 2014 - December 2015

ORGANIZATIONS

- **Co-Founder** of The Corpus Christi EPIC Plastic Project 2016-2017
- **Founder and President** of The Islander Green Team, student led organization at Texas A&M University Corpus Christi 2016-2017
- **President** of The Environmental Awareness Organization at Del Mar College
2013-2014
- **Vice President** of The Environmental Awareness Organization at Del Mar College 2012-2013
- **Member** of the Eco Club at Richard King High School 2007-2008

AWARDS & HONORS

- The Islander Green Team was awarded The Departmental Organization of the Year award at the SEAS Leadership and Service Awards Ceremony 2018
- Recipient of the Nueces Master Gardeners 2017 Scholarship Award
- Recognized by The Texas State House of Representatives as an Outstanding STEM Participant, awarded by the SSS-STEM, Texas A&M University's Programs for Academic Student Support (PASS) initiative in 2017

REFERENCES

- Available upon request