

Application Form

Profile

William

First Name

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Middle Initial

Andersen

Last Name

Email Address

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Salem

City

OR

State

97305

Postal Code

What Ward do you live in? *☒ Ward 6

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Western Oregon University

Employer

Faculty

Job Title

Educator

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Citizen Budget Committee: Submitted

Which of the following City of Salem Board or Commission meetings have you attended? *☒ None

Interests & Experiences

What do you feel you can contribute as a board or commission member?

I have served on various budget/finance committees while attending Oregon State University (including the Education Activities committee, which is charged with allocating student fees among the various student clubs and organizations, Co-Chaired Student Activities Committee, ASWOU Budget Committee, Board of Directors of OSU Bookstores, Inc). My undergraduate degrees include a BS Degree in Economics and one in Political Science (specializing in public policy). I have been a resident of Salem for nearly 15 years and have a keen interest in the development of our city.

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What prompted your interest in applying to serve as a board or commission member?

I have long been interested in local government and budget issues. Chris Hoy posted to Facebook about this opportunity.

Please explain how your education, professional, personal, or volunteer experience and knowledge qualify you to serve on the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying.

My education included coursework and being very actively engaged on campus and our community on various boards, committees and projects. Through those experiences, I learned the value of being a representative fiduciary for the students I represented and our relationship with the local community and government in Corvallis. Serving specifically on budget committees, I learned about some of the difficult choices that must be made between multiple deserving projects. "A dollar spent on A cannot be spent on B," means that some deserving projects cannot be funded to the level we would all like so that other priorities can be met. Balancing and considering the reasoning for competing goals is at the core of the Economics discipline (Economics being the study of how we allocate limited resources among unlimited wants and needs). When people advocate for a cause, and the budget does not allow the full funding for it, they are often disappointed, upset and sometimes even feel alienated (that they are not valued). My education in Communication and conflict management has taught me the value of trying to understand all sides to an argument and respecting differing views. Treating people with the respect that they deserve and communicating decisions in such a way that helps people accept and appreciate the process, that their views are valued and listened to, can help differing groups work toward a common goal (even when it was not their first choice). My experience running a small business and being a faculty adviser to organizations that have had funding cut or lost, I have learned that there are often multiple paths to a desired outcome. In other words, just because the money is not available for a project directly does not mean we must lose hope... we can often find creative solutions to most problems.

List any experience you have with volunteering for the City of Salem or other organizations.

PRESENT: I am a volunteer member of the Board of Directors of the public charter school "EAGLE school" (a public charter school here in Salem that is a 'Micro Society' school, enabling the students to start and run businesses, manage actual finances, get and work jobs for those businesses, run for political office in a legislature and Governor, work as peace keepers to enforce the rules and collect 'micro fines'- a form of currency they earn by working their jobs and running their businesses, etc). Our motto: If you want your kids to run the world, give them a world to run. Earlier today, I got to visit the school during their Micro hour, and saw young children learning to make business and government decisions that have real impact. During the summer, I volunteer teach the debate team (Capital Toastmasters) debate class at the Oregon State Penitentiary over on State Street here in Salem. This program has been helping inmates learn more constructive ways to advocate for their needs and to deal with those that they have disagreement with using words rather than more destructive means. The success of this program has exceeded our most optimistic expectations. PAST: I was a volunteer for our neighborhood HOA's Board, I volunteered for multiple committees, boards and working groups in educational settings (including many dealing with budgeting). I was a volunteer for the Board of the Game Publisher's Association (GPA).

Briefly explain any experience you have working with your neighborhood association or other public bodies or committees.

As mentioned above, I was on the Board of Directors (serving as President for one year) of our Home Owner's Association.

Can you commit to attending a minimum of 75 percent of scheduled meetings? (Please refer to the City's website for the meeting schedule. Failure to meet the attendance requirement may result in removal from office.)

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please list up to three (3) references whom we could contact to learn more about your qualifications (name/email address or phone number/relationship).

Kelly Brennan. Former supervisor. Diane Pasquinelli: Friend and former student:
Stephen Trickel: Friend and former student:

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

☒ Prefer not to Answer

Gender

☒ Prefer not to say