

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Union County Government Center
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UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEEK VOLUNTEERS

Board appointments offer opportunities to serve.

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Lewisburg, PA. As the Union County Board of Commissioners prepare for a new term beginning January, 2016, they are issuing a special call and invitation to Union County citizens to consider a more active involvement in their county as a potential volunteer serving on one or more of the numerous public boards that help shape county public policy and life. New nominees and reappointments are currently being sought, encouraged, and considered for numerous board positions of various length terms opening January 2016. The Commissioners plan to make the appointments January 5, 2016 at their reorganization meeting.

Commissioners are looking for Union County residents with special backgrounds and interests willing to freely donate their time, talents, ideas, and opinions. Open minds and creative thinkers are encouraged. The Commissioners will generally try to balance citizen interest, experience, and county geography in making appointments of registered Union County voters to board positions.

Volunteers are currently needed for the Union County Housing Authority, the Union County Redevelopment Authority, the Union County Industrial Development Authority, the Union County Affordable Housing Fund Board, the Union County Planning Commission, the Union County Library System Board, the Union County Hospital Authority, and the Union County Higher Education Authority.

A simple nomination form is available from the Commissioners' Office or online at UnionCountyPA.org and the Union County Facebook page. Forms should be completed by December 14th and mailed, dropped off, or emailed to the Union County Commissioners' Office located in the Union County Government Center, 155 North 15th Street, Lewisburg. Completed form may be scanned and emailed to: DRobinson@UnionCo.org.

More information about these boards, positions, and requirements may be found online at UnionCountyPA.org homepage or on the County Commissioners' web page. There are other county boards with terms beginning mid-year or in off-years and these appointments will be announced later as they appear.

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Union County Public Agency Board Appointments

January 2016

Union County Housing Authority

Board appointment for a 5-year term

“Housing Resident Board Member” appointment to complete an unexpired term of one year*

The Union County Housing Authority's mission is to promote and provide safe, decent, sanitary, affordable housing to income eligible residents and to provide related community services within Union County. The Union County Housing Authority offers a comprehensive program of services including elderly housing development and management, family housing management, homeowner rehabilitation, home purchasing programs, homeownership education, and others. The funding for these programs comes from the federal and state governments and from service fees. No direct county taxes are received for housing programs.

**A “Resident Board Member” is someone “directly assisted” by the public housing authority. In order to be an “eligible resident” for the Resident Board Member position, an individual must be directly assisted by the housing authority, name must appear on the lease and be 18 years or older. “Directly assisted” is defined as someone who is a public housing resident or a recipient of housing assistance in the tenant-based Section 8 program. “Direct assistance” does not include any State financed housing assistance or Section 8 project-based assistance. Based on the above criteria, the County would need to verify the type of Section 8 housing the individual lived in if it is not a housing authority property. If an individual does not reside in a housing authority property or a tenant-based Section 8 program, the individual would not satisfy the Resident Board Member.*

Union County Redevelopment Authority

Board appointment for a 5-year term

The Union County Redevelopment Authority is a sister agency to the Union County Housing Authority; although the boards are separately constituted. As with the Housing Authority, it was formed in 1972 to address community recovery efforts following the devastation of Hurricane Agnes. The Redevelopment Authority has been a recipient of federal and state funds over the years which have funded community redevelopment and enhancement projects. The Redevelopment Authority might be said to be serving in a standby status currently.

Union County Industrial Development Authority

Board appointment for a 4-year term

The Union County Industrial Development Authority is a five member Board appointed by the Union County Commissioners. The UCIDA serves as a financing vehicle for certain business development grants and loans that require local governmental support.

The Union County Affordable Housing Fund Board

Board appointments for a 2 year term

The Union County Affordable Housing Fund Board members serve a 2 year term. Knowledge of housing, finance, banking, home improvement or public service is welcome. Board meetings are twice a year and most business takes place via e-mail and telephone. Board members review client applications and recommend acceptance (or not) to the Union County Commissioners. Working with the Union County Planning Department Housing Facilitator, the process is quick and easy. This will allow applicants to help individuals and families who need just a "little help" to get them into a home of their own!

Union County Planning Commission

Board appointments for a 4-year term

The Planning Commission is an advisory body to the Board of County Commissioners and is made up of nine citizen volunteers appointed by the Commissioners representing diverse interests. The Planning Commission is dedicated to providing planning services to county municipalities, citizens and organizations with an emphasis on sustainability and maintaining the county's rural and small town landscape and way of life. Our mission is to foster quality planning that promotes orderly growth and development by balancing competing community needs such as economic expansion to retain viability with the protection of the built and natural environment.

Union County Library System Board

Trustees appointments for a 2-year term

The Union County Library System and board was created to assure free public library service throughout Union County and to provide a sound plan for future library funding and development. The board is comprised of seven members appointment by the Commissioners with two trustees nominated by the Board of the West End Library, two trustees nominated by the Board of the Herr Memorial Library, two trustees nominated by the Board of the Public Library for Union County, and one trustee chosen at the discretion of the Union County Commissioners.

Union County Higher Education Facilities Authority

Board appointments for a 5-year term

Board appointment for an unexpired term

The Authority, which is a municipal authority existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was formed pursuant to the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, as amended (the "1945 Act") pursuant to an October 4, 1982 Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Pennsylvania (the "Board of County Commissioners"), and was incorporated on October 13, 1982. The 1945 Act has been repealed and replaced by the Act. The Authority is empowered to finance buildings and facilities for private, non-profit, non-sectarian colleges and universities. Pursuant to a Resolution approved by the Board of County Commissioners on March 20, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners approved Articles of Amendment to the Authority's Articles of Incorporation which extended the Authority's term of existence until March 19, 2062. The governing body of the Authority is a board (the "Authority Board") consisting of five members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, the latter being elected officials. Members of the Authority Board, who are appointed to staggered five-year terms, may be reappointed, but may not be members of the Board of County Commissioners.

Union County Hospital Authority*Board appointments for a 5-year term**Board appointment for an unexpired term*

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**Union County Advisory, Authority,
Board, Commission, Council & System Application**

Instructions: Please complete form in its entirety and return to the Union County Commissioners' Office at 155 N. 15th Street, Lewisburg, PA by Monday, December 14, 2015. Completed form may be scanned and emailed to: DRobinson@UnionCo.org.

Mr. ☐ Ms. ☐

First Name: _____ **Middle Initial:** _____

Last Name: _____

Residential Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** PA **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone number: _____

Email Address: _____

I would be interested in serving on the following Advisory, Authority, Board, Commission, Council or System:

My interest and motivation in serving on this Advisory, Authority, Board, Commission, Council or System is:

Please indicate any special work skills, education, or experiences that you feel are essential to this position:

I have served on the following Advisory, Authority, Board, Commission, Council, System:

Signature:

Date: