

Saturday, October 19, 2024



City of Olympia Boards and Commissions Committee Application

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Friday, December 13th at 5:00 PM PST

Advisory committees are a structured way for individual community members to share their opinions and perspectives, study issues, and develop recommendations in a focused small group. Their primary purpose is to provide judicious advice, from a community member's perspective, to the Olympia City Council.

Committee activities may include study of critical issues, hearing public testimony, independent research, and reviewing staff reports and recommendations - all of which is intended so that the committee is prepared to discuss, formulate, and forward well-developed, thoughtful recommendations to the City Council in a timely manner.

The City of Olympia values participation from all perspectives and life experiences and looks for equity and inclusion in advisory board appointments.

To reduce barriers to community member participation, the City offers stipends of \$25 per meeting attended to Advisory Committee members. Those members who certify as low income are eligible to receive stipends of \$50 per meeting attended. Advisory Committee members may waive the stipend upon request.

The Olympia City Council's Community Livability and Public Safety Committee recommends appointments to the full Council. Recommendations are made following review of applications and interviews of qualified candidates.

All of this careful consideration takes time, please be aware that you will not be notified until February of 2025 of any next steps in the process.

The City of Olympia is committed to the non-discriminatory treatment of all persons in employment and the delivery of services and resources. Questions? Contact Dawn Carvalho, Executive Services Assistant, 360.753.8065, dcarvalh@ci.olympia.wa.us

If you saved or submitted an application and did not receive a confirmation, please check your spam folder. When filed with the City, your application and attachment documents are public records and may be subject to public release.

Name	Scott Hancock
Email	[REDACTED]
Primary Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]

Some appointments require that applicants reside within Olympia city limits. Even though your mailing address may be Olympia, you may reside in the County or another jurisdiction. Are you a resident of the City of Olympia?

Yes

Select your residential area (Olympia residency is not required; however, it is a primary consideration.)

Eastside

Which Boards and Commissions would you like to apply for?

Utility Advisory Committee

Interests & Experiences

Please keep answers concise and informative. You are introducing yourself to the Olympia City Council and sharing with them why you are interested in being considered for appointment. You may attach a resume.

Attach a Resume



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Briefly describe why you wish to serve on this/these Advisory Committee(s).

I've spent most of my career in federal and state government, and am interested in city government as well. Serving on the Utility Advisory Committee strikes me as a great introduction to city government, and is an area in which I can apply my educational and professional background in service to the community.

Describe your experience, qualifications, and/or skills which would benefit the advisory committee(s) you are applying to.

This is a dimension in which I distinguish myself as an applicant. My graduate school curriculum emphasized public utility policy and regulation, with two courses on electricity utilities and one course on natural gas and water utilities, and a fourth course served as a seminar on policy and industrial analysis. This coursework lead to working for over three years at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, as a Regulatory Analyst III. In that job I contributed to and later led the work of energy regulatory staff on general rate cases and other tariff filings.

Share the ways you've been involved or have volunteered in the community.

Serving on the Utility Advisory Committee would be my first formal volunteer activity in the community.

List your educational and/or professional background and area of study.

I have an associate's degree in electronics systems; a bachelor's degree in economics; and, a master's degree in economics.

Appointment to an advisory committee will require your attendance at evening meetings, and undertake other work (reading, meeting preparation etc.). How many hours per month are you willing to commit as a volunteer?

I can commit 10 hours per month.

If you are not appointed to a Board or Commission at this time:

Do you wish to be considered for appointment to another Board or Commission?

No

Do you wish to be considered for future appointment to your preferred Board or Commission?

Yes

If you wish to be considered for another Board or Commission, please identify others you would be interested on being considered for in order of interest:

In future years, I may be interested in serving on the Planning Commission. For the time being, I think serving on the Utility Advisory Committee is the best fit for me.

Thank you for your interest in serving on a City of Olympia Advisory Committee!

Please hit the "submit" button below when you have completed your application .

**CHRISTOPHER SCOTT
HANCOCK**
ECONOMIC AND RESEARCH
ANALYST

SKILLS & ABILITIES

I have completed graduate coursework in econometrics and applied statistics, and am proficient in R. Outside of work, I am studying causal inference, machine learning, agile product development, and the Python language. I am experienced preparing and defending written testimony, policy recommendations, and legislative reports, in speaking before commissions, to legislative committees, and to agency leadership, and in launching ambitious market-based state programs.

CONTACT

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EXPERIENCE

SENIOR MARKET MONITOR · MAY 2022 - PRESENT
CLIMATE COMMITMENT ACT IMPLEMENTATION GROUP
WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
LACEY, WASHINGTON

Among the first staff hired to implement landmark climate legislation at an unprecedented pace. Developed policies, procedures, training, and disclosure materials for market participants in the nation's second economy-wide cap-and-trade program. Identified the need for and led the development of methodological recommendations to the Director and emergency rulemaking for price containment reserve auctions. Identified need for statutory changes which have been included in enacted legislation. Managed the design and implementation of a secure computing environment for the Auctions & Market Section. Established market surveillance and risk-based auditing framework for auctions and secondary markets. Wrote scripts to independently verify auction settlement algorithms for three different types of auctions. Wrote and maintained code to automate, scale, and broaden the scope of market monitoring efforts, leveraging econometric and machine learning techniques. Raised concerns regarding transfer and corporate association issues to California cap-and-trade staff. Wrote tens of thousands of lines of code to standardize and automate comparison of disclosure materials. Created dashboard to facilitate monitoring of compliance instruments and related markets by management and staff, using federal, proprietary, and publicly available data from over a dozen sources. Identified market irregularities and violations of statute and rules and served as subject matter expert for several enforcement actions. Served as sole market monitor for 75% of the total FTE dedicated to market monitoring in the inaugural year of the program. Curated a library of economic literature relevant to the program. Briefed finance committee senior staff on emission cap pathway for lifetime of the program. Served as subject matter expert for collaboration with utilities regulatory agency and Department of Revenue, leading to over \$10 million in savings to utility ratepayers.

RESEARCH ANALYST II · MAY 2018 – MAY 2022
JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT & REVIEW COMMITTEE
WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

Conducted performance audits of state agency programs assigned by the Legislature, according to generally accepted government auditing standards. Led the scoping, development, planning, and conduct of reviews of preferential tax policies, including financial and economic modeling. Identified findings and developed practical recommendations to agencies and the Legislature on subjects including ambulatory surgical center regulation, capital budgeting, medical marijuana, and nonprofit hospitals. Wrote clear, effective, well-documented, thorough, and concise reports for a legislative audience. Presented findings and reports to committee, commission, and individual legislators. Served on the internal diversity, equity, and inclusion team, the data and technology team, and the hybrid work team.

REGULATORY ANALYST III · JAN. 2015 TO APR. 2018
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

Reviewed and conducted independent analysis of investor-owned utility cost-of-service studies, revenue requirements and rate design proposals. Prepared written expert testimony as policy witness in highly contentious proceedings including five

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general rate cases, coal plant early retirements, and a multi-billion-dollar merger and acquisition case. Provided oral testimony during cross-examination from numerous adversarial parties in litigated dockets before the Commission.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING ASSISTANT · SEPT. 2013 – DEC. 2014

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO

Created and graded assignments and exams for four undergraduate economics courses. Research assistant to Prof. Meghan Downes.

EDUCATION

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF ARTS · ECONOMICS

Concentration in Public Utility Policy & Regulation, with additional coursework in applied statistics and econometrics. Graduated December 2014.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

BBA · ECONOMICS

Graduated May 2013.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE SUMMER INTERN, REGULATORY POLICY & OPERATIONS

Southern California Edison (May 2014 – Aug. 2014)

STUDENT TRAINEE, BUDGET ANALYST

U.S. Forest Service (May 2013 – March 2014)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN

AT&T Alaska (Sept. 2010 – Sept. 2011)

STAFF SERGEANT (METEOROLOGICAL AND NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEMS)

49th Communications Squadron, United States Air Force

(Sept. 2003 – Sept. 2009)

Honorably discharged. Awarded 49th Fighter Wing Airman of the Quarter and Distinguished Graduate of Airman Leadership School

REFERENCES

DEREK NIXON, AUCTIONS & MARKET SECTION SUPERVISOR

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