



Report of the 2026 NCLM Nominating Committee – April 13, 2026

The League membership was informed of the composition and work of the 2026 Nominating Committee in an electronic mailing March 17, 2026, and accessible via the League’s website at election.nclm.org. The committee received nominations through March 31, 2026 and held a formal virtual hearing that began at 10:00 a.m. on April 9, 2026.

The Nominating Committee presents the following recommendations for membership on the NCLM Board of Directors for 2026-27. Officer terms are for one year.

Nominations for League Officers:

- President: Jody McLeod, Mayor, Clayton
- 1st Vice President: Satish Garimella, Council Member, Morrisville
- 2nd Vice President: Ann Schneider, Council Member, Oak Ridge

Nominations for League Districts:

- **District 1:**David Hunt, Mayor Pro Tem, Ahoskie
- **District 3:**Francisco Rivas-Diaz, Mayor Pro Tem, Wallace
- **District 5:**Leo Taylor, Council Member, Tarboro
- **District 7:**Mary Jo Adams, Council Member, Laurinburg
- **District 8:**Franco McGee, Council Member, Monroe
- **District 9:**Brittany Barnhardt, Mayor, Granite Quarry
- **District 10:**Doug Matheson, Council Member, Blowing Rock
- **District 11:**Hayley Beaty, Mayor, Dallas

Nomination for Large City Seats (>200,000 population):

Charlotte:Vi Lyles, Mayor

Durham:Carl Rist, Council Member

Greensboro:Tammi Thurm, Council Member

Nomination for Director At-Large:

Dwight Lake, Mayor, Mayodan

Mike Lewis, Council Member, Franklin

Nomination for Municipal Manager:

Justin Whiteside, Ocean Isle Beach

Nomination for Municipal Clerk:

Michael O'Dell, Kill Devil Hills

Nomination for Municipal Attorney:

Jason Lunsford, Shelby

The annual election of officers and members of the Board of Directors will be voted on electronically by the municipal voting delegates during the period of April 13-21, 2026. The election results will be shared with the membership Thursday, May 7, 2026, at CityVision during the Annual Business Meeting which begins at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

2026 Nominating Committee:

Liz Johnson (Chair), Council Member, Morrisville

William Harris, Mayor, Fuquay-Varina

Susan Klutz, Mayor Pro Tem, Salisbury

Veronica Carter, Council Member, Leland

Terry Mann, Mayor, Whiteville

Tina Brown, Mayor, Robersonville

Ricky Hines, Mayor, Winterville

Sammy Phillips, Mayor, Jacksonville

Bill Saffo, Mayor, Wilmington

Hank Guess, Mayor, Hickory

John Hinton, Alderman, Maggie Valley