

# M2018-20

## HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

August 24, 2010 – Motion passed to increase membership from seven to nine.

### 3 YEAR TERM

MEMBER	ADDRESS	PHONE #	APPT. DATE	TERM EXPIRATION	TERM #
Rev. David Victoria, Jr.	128 Wagon Wheel Lane, Surfside Beach, SC 29575	215-9995	1/26/16	2/22/2019	5
Bennie Swans	508 Thorton Court, MB, SC 29579	448-3949	1/26/2016	2/22/2019	4
Steve Gamble	7646 Triana Court Myrtle Beach, SC 29572	843-839-3511	11/14/17	11/14/2020	1
Effie Baldwin	1438 Powhaton Dr. Myrtle Beach, SC 29577	301-437-2620	3-14-17	3-14-2020	1
Miriam L. Berrouët	7650 Enterprise Road Apt C-2 Myrtle Beach, 29588	222-0084 (c)	1/10/2018	2/22/2021	2
Barbara McKelvey	44 Plantation Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588	333-0307	2/10/2015	2/22/2020	2
Julia Brinkley	820 67 <sup>th</sup> Ave. North Myrtle Beach, SC 29572	843-460-4402	8/23/16	9/23/19	1
Janet Hobson, Ph. D	5809 Longleaf Drive Myrtle Beach, SC 29577	843-449-0117	2/14/17	2/14/2020	1
Veronica B. Walters	1229 38 <sup>th</sup> Avenue #128, MB, SC 29577	843-424-1942	9/10/2013	9/28/2019	2

NOTE: City Residents are highlighted in blue.

Barbara McKelvey has resigned. This term will expire February 22, 2020.

Madeline Ritchie  
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Dear City Council Members,

I would like to be considered for the Human Rights Commission. Having read over the mission statement on the city webpage, I could fully support and stand behind the desire for "all persons [to] have equal opportunity to live free of discrimination." This would be my first time getting involved in local government so I look forward to adding my creativity to this commission! I genuinely believe the fight for equality from discrimination is one of the most important goals in any growing society. We must continually be sharpening our empathy skills and making sure that we approach all situations from diverse perspectives. Thank you for any consideration put forth on this effort. I look forward to getting more active in my local government.

Sincerely,  
Meredith Ritchie

#### Biography:

- ★ Born and raised in North Myrtle Beach, SC
- ★ Proud graduate of the North Myrtle Beach public school system
- ★ Bachelor's degree from Winthrop University in English with teach certification
- ★ Master's degree from University of South Carolina in Library and Information Science
- ★ School librarian at North Myrtle Beach High School for 3 years
- ★ Currently serving as the library at Early College High School

My educational achievements reflect my dedication to lifelong learning. Along the way, I was able to study abroad in England for a semester, attend various national and international trips with a focus on outreach, and experience life outside of Horry County. I enjoyed my travels and still plan on doing more of it but I understand how much of an impact one person can make in their own town. It is important to put down roots and find love and joy in your environment. As hobbies, I most recently was a short form Improv comedy performer. Improv allows me to approach life with humor and flexibility. I am also recently married, to a man who I met at that Improv theater. He, his son and I became a family in June 2016. I am strongly passionate about loving my family and supporting my students. Working in a high school specifically geared to first-generation-college students allows me to pour support into kids who never quite feel good enough, at least when they enter as freshmen. Hopefully they are graduating with full confidence in being able to tackle any job or future they desire.