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TO: Michael Hanlon
City Clerk

FROM: Matt Tuerk
Mayor

DATE: December 9, 2022

SUBJECT: Authorities, Boards, Commissions Appointments

Mayor Tuerk has approved the following appointment for City Council's consideration.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Authority/Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Michael Blichar, Jr.	Human Relations Commission	12/31/2025
Oscar Ghasab	Blighted Property Review Committee	1/1/2026
Louis Holzman	Blighted Property Review Committee	1/1/2026

Michael Blichar, Jr. will be filling a vacancy on the Human Relations Commission. Oscar Ghasab will be replacing Nicholas Miller on the Blighted Property Review Committee. Louis Holzman will serve as an alternate on the Blighted Property Review Committee, filling a vacancy on the committee.

Authorities, Boards, and Commissions
Request for Appointment

Applicant Name: Michael Blicher Jr

Email: nblic958@gmail.com

Phone: 6104067275

Address: 215 W Gordon Street, Allentown PA 18102

Authority, Board, Commission: Human_Relations_Commission

Reason For Application: As a resident of Allentown and social justice advocate, I am interested in continuing to serve the people of my community. I believe that as a member of the LGBTQ community and my career experiences that I would provide a unique perspective.

Agreement to Verify Tax Payments: Agree

Submitted Date: 12/1/2022, 3:15:38 PM

Michael Nykolai Blicher Jr.

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Education

B.A. Kutztown University of Pennsylvania | Kutztown, PA 2017

Major: Political Science

Minor(s): International Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, & Public Administration

M.Ed. Kutztown University of Pennsylvania | Kutztown, PA 2020

Program: Student Affairs in Higher Education

Qualifications

- Proven experience with public speaking, teamwork, and supervision
- Well organized, personable, and dependable
- Highly self-motivated and detail oriented
- Experience planning, implementing, and executing programming and initiatives
- Experience working with and advocating for diverse populations

Related Work Experience

Assistant Director of Student Involvement & Community Outreach | Kutztown University

April 2021 – Present

- Planned, publicized, and executed evening, weekend, social, and cultural programs including campus-wide annual programming including but not limited to Family Day, Homecoming, Alternative Spring Break, annual service opportunities, and Involvement Fairs
- Advised the Kutztown University Activities Board overseeing all aspects of event programming
- Developed support services and leadership development opportunities for student organizations, student leaders and their advisors
- Chaired the Kutztown University Programmer's Council to develop campus wide departmental relationships and collaborative event planning
- Hired, trained, and supervised graduate assistants and undergraduate students including work-study staff
- Planned, developed, and executed all student community and service-learning opportunities on campus
- Oversaw the planning and implementation of civic engagement and voter related initiatives through the Kutztown Votes program
- Oversaw the management and expenditures of multiple budgets for student clubs, Family Day, and Homecoming
- Planned and executed fundraising initiatives for the Community Outreach Center
- Implemented a clearinghouse of service opportunities for students through GivePulse
- Established and maintained relationships with community organizations in the Greater Reading and Lehigh Valley areas

- Worked with students to provide food insecurity resources through pantry services and SNAP benefit application support

Welcome Center Supervisor & Financial Aid Coordinator | Greater Valley YMCA, Allentown Branch
January 2019 to December 2019

- Hired, trained, and supervised all Welcome Center and Child Watch staff members.
- Administered financial assistance to low-income families and members of the YMCA for gym, athletic, and childcare programs.
- Assisted in enhancing the Y mission and goals
- Assisted in overseeing department budget
- Provided excellent customer service to community members of the YMCA

Graduate Assistant | Kutztown University, LGBTQ Resource Center & Women's Center
January 2014 to May 2018

- Supervised undergraduate student staff of both centers
- Planned, implemented, and assessed large scale educational programming including education and outreach to campus, local, and regional constituents, and organizations
- Hosted LGBTQ focused affinity and discussion groups relating to feminism and LGBTQ issues
- Organized and presented Safe Space and Sexual violence prevention workshops
- Served as a resource to students on LGBTQ and gender-related policies and recommended revisions to administration
- Assisted the director in the development of annual reports, annual budgets, grant writing and assessments
- Advised numerous student organizations including Allies, Lambda Delta Xi, It's On Us, and FMLA

Professional Development

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| ▪ 66-Hour Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence Advocate Certification | 2014 – Present |
| ▪ Present, Summit on Inclusive Excellence and International Education, PASSHE | 2017 |
| ▪ National It's On Us Summit, Washington, D.C. | 2019 |
| ▪ Mental Health First Aider | 2022 |

Involvement & Leadership

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| ▪ President, Kutztown University Allies LGBTQ Alliance | 2014 – 2015 |
| ▪ President, Kutztown University Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance | 2015 – 2016 |
| ▪ Trustee, Kutztown University Council of Trustees | 2016 – 2017 |
| ▪ Member, National Student Advisory Committee for It's On Us | 2016 – 2017 |
| ▪ PA Joint State Government Commission
Advisory Committee on Student Suicide in Higher Education | 2016 – 2017 |
| ▪ Vice-Chair, Kutztown Borough Planning Commission | 2018 – 2022 |
| ▪ Northeast Regional Advisor, National It's On Us Campaign | 2018 – 2019 |
| ▪ Candidate for PA House District 187 | 2018 & 2020 |