



# CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No: 31231

**RESOLUTION**

R32 - 2026

*Introduced by the Administration on March 4, 2026*

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Authorities, Boards, Commissions Appointments

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***Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That***

City Council does hereby give advice and consent to the following appointment to the Allentown Housing Authority submitted to this Council by Mayor Matt Tuerk.

**ALLENTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY**

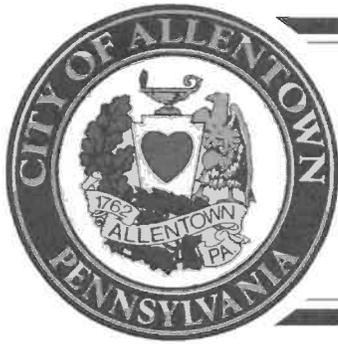
Sherry Brokopp Binder

**Term Expiration: 3/5/2031**

<b>Jeremy Binder</b>		
<b>Ce-Ce Gerlach</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Cynthia Y. Mota</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Cristian Pungo</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Natalie Santos</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Santo Napoli, President</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

***THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above copy of Resolution No. 31231 was adopted by the City Council of Allentown on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026, and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.***

  
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**City Clerk**



**MATT TUERK**  
**MAYOR**

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**TO:** Michael Hanlon  
City Clerk

**FROM:** Matt Tuerk  
Mayor

**DATE:** February 23, 2026

**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>
Sherri Brokopp Binder	Allentown Housing Authority	3/5/2031

Binder will be replacing Sandra Barnes on the Authority, whose term has expired. Resume is attached.

**Sherri Brokopp Binder, PhD**  
Allentown PA  
sbinder@ripplecommunityinc.org | 617-817-8340

### **Summary**

Trained as a community psychologist, Dr. Sherri Brokopp Binder's work has spanned the academic, non-profit, and private sectors, but with a consistent focus on building strong and healthy communities. Dr. Binder is the founding Executive Director of Ripple Community Inc., whose mission is to create a more connected community by building relationships and cultivating stability, particularly among our neighbors who have experienced deep disconnection. Dr. Binder has led the organization in establishing several programs that emerged from the felt needs of the community, including a community-supported affordable housing program with an 87% success rate in supporting unstably housed individuals and families achieve long-term housing and life stability. As President of BrokoppBinder Research & Consulting, she conducts research related to community and housing recovery after major natural disasters and has published numerous peer-reviewed journal articles on these topics.

### **Professional Experience**

2015-present Executive Director, Ripple Community Inc., Allentown, PA  
2015-present President, BrokoppBinder Research & Consulting, LLC, Allentown, PA  
2014-2016 Client Services Consultant, Concept Systems Incorporated, Ithaca, NY  
2003-2008 Sustainable Cities Division Director, Urban Ecology Institute, Newton, MA  
2006-2008 Chair, Boston's Urban Forest Coalition, Boston, MA  
2007-2008 Research Associate, Environmental Studies, Boston College, Newton, MA

### **Education**

2014 University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI  
PhD, Community and Cultural Psychology  
2012 University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI  
M.A., Community and Cultural Psychology  
2012 University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI  
Certificate, Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance  
2003 Brandeis University, Waltham, MA  
M.A., Sustainable International Development  
2001 Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA  
B.A., Political Science and International Affairs, Summa Cum Laude

### **Professional Affiliations**

Society for Community Research and Action (American Psychological Association Division 27)  
American Evaluation Association

### **Relevant Community Service**

2024-Present Commissioner, Allentown Commission on Homelessness  
2016-2025 Board member, Franconia Mennonite Conference Ministerial Committee  
2014-2017 Co-Chair, Allentown Human Relations Commission