



Newberg Urban Renewal Agency

August 18, 2025

Immediately Following Council Meeting

Newberg Public Safety Building 401 E. Third Street

Denise Bacon Community Room

Online: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89536547180>

Public Comment Registration: <https://bit.ly/nbgcomment>

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

## 2. ROLL CALL

## 3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

### 1.1. [Appointment of members Joe Churella and Karola Cochran to the NURA Budget Committee](#)

i [Attachment 1: Applications](#)

## ADJOURNMENT

### ADA STATEMENT

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\*indicates supplementary item



# NEWBERG URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**Date Action Requested: August 18, 2025**

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		Staff: Rachel Thomas Department: Admin

**Recommendation:** Staff recommend that the board appoint the following members to the NURA Budget Committee for the stated terms:

Joe Churella: August 19, 2025-December 31<sup>st</sup> 2026

Karola D. Cochran: August 19, 2025-December 31<sup>st</sup> 2026

**Executive Summary:** With the resignation of two current members, two seats need to be filled on this committee. The terms have been changed to align with the new biennial budget cycle approved by the council.

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

Attachments: Committee Applications

Status

Name

Joseph J Churella

Application Date

6/22/2025

Expiration Date

6/22/2026

Board Member

Joe Churella

Status

Validated

Board (Rank)	Vacancies	Status
Budget Committee (0)	1	Pending
Newberg Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee (1)	2	Pending Ratification

Basic Information	Contact Information	Occupation
Name	Address	Employer/Occupation
Joseph J Churella	<div></div> <div></div>	Intel Corporation/Information Security Investigator
	Yes, I am a resident	Yes, I am a city employee
	Yes	No
	Email	Registrations/Certifications
	<div></div>	International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists - Certified Forensic Computer Examiner
	Alternate email	
	<div></div>	
	Cell Phone	
	<div></div>	

What District are you in?

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Briefly describe your interest in serving on your selected committee/commission/board.

I've served on the NURA Committee since 2024 and I have a deep interest in how our City works. I don't believe enough Newberg residents take an interest in, or play a part in, how our city operates.

Are you applying to be a student commissioner?

No

If you have served on a City of Newberg committee in the past, please list the year and name of the committee on which you served.

2024/2025 NURA Committee

How would you work collaboratively with community members?

As a community member myself I understand the issues and concerns that members have. I believe collaboration, inclusion and transparency are the foundation to having a supportive community and successful city.

Anything else you would like us to know?

My wife and I moved to Newberg in 2009 because we thought it was the best community in the Portland Metro area to raise a family. We now have 3 children and love the fact that they are growing up in Newberg. I spent almost 30 years as a Portland Police officer and retired in 2022. I've seen first hand what works and what does not work when it comes to city government. I would love to share my experiences and knowledge to keep Newberg moving forward as a safe and thriving city.

**If you are not appointed at this time, may we keep your name on file?**

Yes

**How did you hear about this opportunity?**

Other

**Additional Information**

**Notes**

**Board Application Comments**

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Status		Board (Rank)	Vacancies	Status
Name	Ms Karola D Cochran	Library Board (0)	1	On-File
Application Date	6/12/2025	Newberg Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee (1)	2	Pending Ratification
Expiration Date	6/12/2026			
Board Member	Karola D Cochran			
Status	Validated			

Basic Information

Name  
Ms Karola D Cochran

Contact Information

Address  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
  
Yes, I am a resident  
Yes  
  
Email  
[Redacted]  
  
Alternate email  
[Redacted]  
  
Phone  
[Redacted]  
  
Cell Phone  
[Redacted]

Occupation

Employer/Occupation  
Federal Aviation Administration  
  
Yes, I am a city employee  
No  
  
Professional Licenses  
None  
  
Registrations/Certifications  
None

What District are you in?  
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Briefly describe your interest in serving on your selected committee/commission/board.  
I am interested in being involved in my community.

Are you applying to be a student commissioner?  
No

How would you work collaboratively with community members?  
I would like to work together with others to improve the city of Newberg.

Anything else you would like us to know?  
I am a US Navy veteran, have 15 years experience in banking, and 8 years administrative background.

If you are not appointed at this time, may we keep your name on file?  
Yes

How did you hear about this opportunity?  
City Website

Additional Information

## Notes

### Board Application Comments

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