Adams County Citizen Boards and Commissions 2026

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Adams County

Official boards and commissions directory

Includes county-appointed citizen bodies and regional or independent governing boards.

Board of Health

The Adams County Board of Health is the governing body of the Adams County Health Department (ACHD), whose mission is to promote and protect the health of people and the communities where they live, work, and play. The board promotes policies to improve public health, hires and supervises the ACHD's Executive Director, approves the agency's budget, and provides oversight of agency operations.

Liquor and Marijuana Licensing Authority

The Liquor and Marijuana Licensing Authority accepts applications, conducts investigations, and grants; renews, suspends, and revokes liquor licenses. The Authority regulates the liquor licensing process for beer, malt, vinous, and spirituous and the marijuana licensing process for marijuana within the unincorporated areas of Adams County.

Arts and Culture Commission

Advises the county Cultural Arts Division and Percentage for the Arts Program and expands opportunities to experience arts and cultural activities.

Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment is a statutorily created independent board that hears requests for variances from the Adams County Development Standards and appeals of administrative zoning decisions. Decisions of the Board of Adjustment are subject to judicial review by the Adams County District Court.

Board of Fire Code Appeals

The function of the five-member Board of Fire Code Appeals is to interpret the provisions of the International Fire Code in instances where it is alleged that the code has been incorrectly interpreted, provisions of the code do not fully apply, or an equivalent method of protection or safety is proposed. Members must be qualified by experience and training to pass on matters pertaining to hazards of fire, explosion, hazardous conditions, or fire protection systems.

Building Code Board of Appeals

The function of the five-member Building Code Board of Appeals is to interpret the County's building codes in instances where it is alleged that the true intent of the code has been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of the code do not fully apply, or the requirements of the code are adequately satisfied by other means. The Board has no authority to waive the code's provisions.

Community Corrections Board

The Community Corrections Board is statutorily authorized to oversee community correctional facilities and programs in Adams County.

Community Enrichment Grant Advisory Committee

This committee reviews Community Enrichment Grant applications each year and recommends to the Adams County Board of Commissioners which applications to fund.

Community Services Block Grant Advisory Council

Advises the Board of County Commissioners on administration of the Community Services Block Grant program. The current council has five members: two low-income-sector representatives, two public-sector representatives and one private-sector representative.

Adams County Cultural Council

The Adams County Cultural Council was established by a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners and prepares and submits an annual plan to the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) for funding disbursement to Tier III organizations serving Adams County residents. The Adams County Cultural Council consists of nine members serving three-year terms.

District Plan Commission

Adams County and the City of Brighton adopted a joint District Plan in March of 2016 to realize the community's vision for farmland preservation, local food production, and agritourism in the area south of Brighton. This plan calls for creating a joint City and County citizen commission to advise on implementing the Plan and serve as its ambassadors.

E-911 Authority

The E-911 Emergency Telephone Service Authority is an entity, established by intergovernmental agreement, to oversee the collection of revenues and expenditures associated with providing emergency telephone services.

Fair Advisory Board

The Fair Advisory Board was created by resolution of the Adams County Board of Commissioners on December 18, 2006, to serve in an advisory capacity for the purpose of planning the Adams County Fair under the supervision and direction of the Adams County Parks Department.

Family Preservation Commission

The Family Preservation Commission is a legislatively mandated commission to prepare a plan for the provision or purchase of services for children who are subject to out-of-home placement. The commission serves as a local oversight entity and ensures adequate implementation of the Family Preservation Program.

Head Start Policy Council

Each Head Start attendance center shall have a Parent Committee composed of all parents who have children enrolled in the Head Start program at that Center.

Rangeview Library District Anythink Board of Trustees

The Rangeview Library District, better known as Anythink Libraries, is governed by the Board of Trustees, which is responsible for the library district's finances and policy formulation. Trustees serve a five-year term.

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Title III of the Federal "Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986" (SARA Title III) calls for the establishment of a state emergency response commission and local emergency planning committee (LEPC). The LEPC administers the program related to the development of emergency response plans, systems and facility reporting, and notification regarding the listing or release of specified hazardous substances.

Maiker Housing Partners Governing Board

County housing authorities are authorized by statute to provide safe and affordable housing for low-income workers and their families.

Metropolitan Football Stadium District

A regional political subdivision established to plan, acquire land and construct a professional football stadium. Its historical sales-tax collection period ended in 2012; the district remains listed by Adams County.

Open Space Advisory Board

The Open Space Advisory Board supports Adams County's Open Space Sales Tax program. A portion of Open Space Sales Tax proceeds is distributed through a competitive grant process.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is a statutorily authorized board, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, that prepares and adopts a county master plan in accordance with C.R.S. § 30-28-106. The Planning Commission also reviews and recommends development applications within the county.

Retirement Board

The Adams County Board of Retirement is responsible for the management of the Retirement Plan, interpreting the Retirement Plan's provisions, and adopting any change to the Retirement Plan.

Scientific & Cultural Facilities District Board of Directors

The Scientific & Cultural Facilities District Board of Directors reviews and oversees the distribution of SCFD funds to eligible cultural organizations. The SCFD Board of Directors comprises eleven members.

Veterans Advisory Commission

The Veterans Advisory Commission has been established by the Board of County Commissioners to gather veterans from within the county to address and work cooperatively with other county boards, councils, and staff with regard to policies, programs, and concerns relating to veterans' interests and to develop new working relationships with all other agencies serving veterans within the county.

Workforce Development Board

Oversees public investments in employment and training programs through the Adams County Workforce and Business Center.

City of Arvada

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Arvada Arts and Culture Commission

Arvada Festivals Commission

Arvada Liquor Licensing Authority

Arvada Park Advisory Committee

Arvada Police Pension Board

Arvada Sustainability Advisory Committee

Arvada Urban Renewal Authority (AURA)

Board of Adjustment

Building Code Advisory Board

City of Arvada Retirement Plan Board

Design Review Advisory Committee

Housing Advisory Committee

Human Services Advisory Committee

Planning Commission

Transportation Committee

City of Aurora

Official boards and commissions directory

Arts and Culture Commission

Consolidated successor to Art in Public Places Commission, Aurora Fox Arts Center Board and Cultural Affairs Commission.

Aurora Commission for Older Adults

The commission supports existing programs for older adults and fosters new programs through lobbying and advocacy.

Aurora Housing Authority

Independent housing authority governed by a seven-member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Mayor.

Aurora Immigrant and Refugee Commission

The purpose of the Immigrant and Refugee Commission is to promote the integration of the local immigrant and refugee communities into Aurora's civic, economic and cultural life.

Aurora Youth Commission

The purpose of the Aurora Youth Commission is to advise City Council, the City Manager, and the director of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Open Space regarding the interests of youth in Aurora.

Board of Adjustment and Appeals

The purpose of the Board of Adjustment and Appeals is to review and rule on applications for variances and waivers from the Zoning Code of the City. The power to act as a Board regarding matters arising from enforcement of provisions of Article XV of Chapter 22, Chapter 90 and Chapter 146 of the Aurora City Code.

Building Code, Contractor Appeals & Standards Board

The board's purpose is to act as a Board of Adjustment and Appeals and Board of Standards regarding building codes and contractor licensing, review administrative error, and suspension/revocations of licenses.

Business Advisory Board

To advise City Council on the economic and business impact of city legislative and regulatory actions.

Career Service Commission

The purpose of the Career Service Commission is to hear and determine appeals made by an aggrieved employee pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Charter and Ordinances of the City.

Citizens Advisory Committee on Housing & Community Development

To assist City Council in the development, implementation and evaluation of the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs, including, but not limited to the HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME) Programs and Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG); review and formulate recommendations for Council's approval for annual and one-time program/project grant allocations; develop and approve Community Development goals and objectives; maintain consistency in achieving the Aurora City Council Goals, and review applicable consolidated, annual, and/or other plans for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Citizens' Advisory Budget Committee

The purpose of the Citizens' Advisory Budget Committee is to study all phases of the city's budget and make recommendations to City Council.

Citizens' Water Advisory Commission

The purpose of the Citizens' Water Advisory Commission is to provide counsel and give suggestions and recommendations to the water department and City Council on all phases of budget, departmental work plans, operational needs, strategic planning, long range capital improvements, and financial planning.

Civic Engagement Commission

The purpose of the Civic Engagement Commission is to provide recommendations to Council and City management regarding the development and implementation of civic engagement programs, which may include recommendations regarding best practices for outreach and education, recommends to Council new initiatives to support and partner with community-based organizations, institutions and civic leaders in the public and private sectors in their civic engagement efforts, coordinates with Council Members, community boards, and other City agencies in the development and implementation of civic engagement programs, and works with City staff and Council to plan and implement a Civic Engagement Academy.

Civil Service Commission

The purpose of the Civil Service Commission is to provide the citizens of Aurora with the most qualified applicants for and promotion to, firefighter and police officer positions, irrespective of the applicant's race, creed, color, gender, age, national origin, or religious or political opinions or affiliations. To inspire public confidence in the Civil Service System and to afford uniformed members an opportunity for employment and promotion within uniformed positions of the Fire and Police Departments.

Election Commission

The purpose of the Election Commission is to establish precincts, appoint election judges, create new ward boundaries, and break the tie in a municipal election for any City office or ballot question.

General Employees Retirement Board

Current body identified in the official Aurora directory and board records.

Historic Preservation Commission

The purpose of the Historic Preservation Commission is to review and make recommendations to City Council regarding potential landmark status for historical sites, districts and other properties for the educational, cultural and economic benefit of Aurora citizens.

Human Relations Commission

The purpose of the Human Relations Commission is to promote a mutual understanding and respect among all people. Disseminate information and educational materials to eliminate prejudice, promote human relations and investigate complaints of this nature.

Judicial Performance Commission

The purpose of the Judicial Performance Commission is to present evaluations and recommendations to the City Council in regard to the reappointments of Municipal Court judges.

Library Board

The Library Board shall have the power to recommend to the city council such rules and regulations as it shall deem necessary to govern and prescribe the use of the public library and its facilities by the public, and the violation of any such rules and regulations shall be deemed a violation of this Code.

Metro Water Recovery Board

Current body identified in the official Aurora directory and board records.

Oil and Gas Advisory Committee

To assist City Council promoting responsible and efficient exploration and development of oil and natural gas within the city's boundaries, and protecting the interest of the public, local businesses. and property and mineral owners

Planning and Zoning Commission

To provide recommendations to City Council on zonings and a wide range of planning and development related issues. Unless appealed to City Council, Master Plans and Use Approvals are also under the purview of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Public Defender Commission

To ensure, through its ability to appoint and discharge the public defender and his or her assistants, that indigent clients are represented independently of any political consideration or private interests, provide legal services to indigent persons accused of violation of municipal ordinances that are commensurate with those available to non indigents and conduct the office in accordance with the Colorado Code of Professional Standards relating to the administration of criminal justice, the defense function.

Parks Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board

Consolidated successor to the golf, open space and parks/recreation advisory bodies.

City of Brighton

Official boards and commissions directory

Board of Adjustment (BOA)

The function of this board is to act as the final decision maker in certain land use matters, interpret the terms and conditions of the Land Use and Development Code, hear appeals from any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by a City official or employee charged with enforcement of the regulations of the codes. The Board has jurisdiction to review and make decisions regarding variances and special uses.

Board of Appeals

Members of this board are qualified by experience related to the construction industry and are trained to rule or review upon matters pertaining to building construction. The Board of Appeals meets at need to determine the suitability of alternate materials and methods of construction, acts on appeals for the city's construction codes (building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical codes) and for Property Maintenance Codes.

Brighton Downtown Development Authority

Downtown development authority.

Brighton Cultural Arts Commission

Members are selected at large and based on their strong interest in cultural arts. They bring a vast knowledge and experience in various areas of arts and culture.

Brighton Housing Authority

The Brighton Housing Authority (BHA) is a public corporation with boards appointed by City Council. The BHA mission is to provide affordable housing to low- and moderate-income people.

Brighton Urban Renewal Authority

Supports redevelopment, rehabilitation and reinvestment within Brighton urban renewal areas.

District Plan Commission

A nine-member commission advising on the implementation of the District Plan and acting as ambassadors for Historic Splendid Valley.

Historic Preservation Commission

The Brighton Historic Preservation Commission seeks to preserve the heritage of Brighton for future generations.

Legacy Foundation

The Brighton Legacy Foundation promotes and encourages an improved quality of life for the Brighton community.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is responsible for advising on the development of parkland, facilities, trails, recreation programs, forestry, the senior center and cemetery programs.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission advises the Mayor, City Council, and other city departments on broad planning goals, policies, and plans for the physical development of the city. The Commission's work is framed by the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use and Development Code, along with a commitment to engage citizens in the planning process to ensure the city's goals are reached.

Senior Advisory Board

The Eagle View Adult Center Advisory Board advises and works with city staff in an effort to accomplish the mission of the Eagle View Adult Center.

Sustainability Advisory Board

Advises on municipal sustainability.

Brighton Youth Commission

Addresses matters affecting local youth and advises municipal officials. Membership and appointment details are available from the official jurisdiction directory.

City of Commerce City

Official boards and commissions directory

Active Adult Advisory Committee

Advises recreation staff, assists with fundraising, and provides outreach and information to active adult program participants.

Arts & Culture Commission

To bring together the Community by embracing and creating experiences through art, music, theatre, dance and culturally diverse efforts. The Arts & Culture Commission facilitates this by encouraging, promoting and developing programs, for the arts, heritage and cultural enrichment of Commerce City and partnering communities.

Board of Building Code Appeals

Building-code appeals body.

Citizens Public Safety Advisory Board

The board is authorized to analyze and evaluate community expectations of police service delivery, increase citizen awareness by communicating with residents regarding police policy, operations, and procedure, serve as a communication conduit for the community to the city on public safety matters, assess and recommend new strategies to improve public safety, review police policy and procedure and recommend changes to the city to achieve alignment with citizen expectations, and identify and advocate for needed resources to achieve public safety objectives.

Derby Review Board

The board is authorized to hear and take action on development applications for the Derby sub-area, requests for variances to the standards contained in the Derby design guidelines, and requests for Derby commercial catalyst funds, and to establish criteria and policies for the provision of such funds, including limitations on the time, manner, and location such funds must be used.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission

The commission shall advise the city council and city manager regarding opportunities to address issues of diversity, promote diversity programs and provide guidance to create a more equitable, accessible, safe, welcoming, and inclusive government and community; and practices for conducting outreach, public engagement, removing barriers, and increasing access in a diverse community; events and activities relevant to promoting inclusion in the community.

Environmental Policy and Innovation Commission (EPIC)

Provides environmental policy and innovation advice under the current EPIC name.

Housing Authority

The Commerce City Housing Authority (CCHA) provides housing opportunities and resources to help residents buy, rent or improve their homes. Its mission is to create and sustain housing in Commerce City for low-income residents.

Parks, Recreation & Golf Commission

Advises on municipal parks, recreation and golf under its current commission name.

Planning Commission

The planning commission makes, amends, and adds to the master plan for the physical development of the city, exercises control over platting and subdividing land within the city, is responsible for the official zoning ordinance and zoning map of the city, conducts hearings and makes recommendations to the council regarding rezoning in the city, makes and recommends plans for the clearing and rebuilding of slum districts and blighted areas, makes and adopts plans for the

replanning, improvement, and redevelopment of areas within the city, and is responsible for the major street plan of the city.

Quality Community Foundation

The mission of the Quality Community Foundation (QCF) is building a quality community for a lifetime within the City of Commerce City, CO. Established in 2006, QCF supports post-secondary education and access to recreational programming for Commerce City youth, and provides grants to fund various non-profit organizations that benefit Commerce City residents.

Senior Commission

The senior commission's mission is to advise the City Council, foster greater understanding of senior citizens, encourage greater senior citizen participation in community issues, inform the community of available services, programs, and resources, and advocate for issues of importance of older adults.

Urban Renewal Authority

Municipal urban renewal authority.

Veterans Commission

Members increase visibility of veterans within the city, increase community engagement by veterans, inform the veteran community of available services, advocate for issues important to veterans, and participate in the planning of the city's annual Memorial Day Parade.

Youth Commission

Addresses matters affecting local youth and advises municipal officials. Membership and appointment details are available from the official jurisdiction directory.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The zoning board of adjustment's purpose is to hear and determine appeals from refusals of building permits, to permit exceptions to or variations from the zoning ordinance, and issue special permits and make conditional grants for use of property.

City of Federal Heights

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Historical Committee

One of City Council's goals in its 2018 Strategic Management Plan was to appoint volunteers to serve on a Historical Committee. The Committee's purpose was stated to be to preserve, interpret and share Federal Heights historical past by collecting memories from older members of the community, former City Council members and their families, publications and photos.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Makes recommendations on planning and development and reviews zoning variance requests. The seven-member commission has one member from each ward and four at-large members; it also performs the former Board of Adjustment duties.

City of Northglenn

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Citizens' Affairs Board

Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board

Election Commission

Historic Preservation Commission

Liquor Licensing Authority

Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA)

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Planning Commission

Victim Assistance & Law Enforcement Board

Youth Commission

Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board

Sustainability Committee

City of Thornton

Official boards and commissions directory

Building Code Advisory Board (BCAB)

The Building Code Advisory Board has several functions.

Businesses of Thornton Advisory Commission (BTAC)

The Businesses of Thornton Advisory Commission represents Thornton businesses and makes recommendations to City Council on issues impacting the ability of businesses to be successful in Thornton.

Election Commission

The Election Commission makes ward reapportionment recommendations, assists with election-day activities, and establishes City election precincts, along with other duties that City Council may set.

Local Licensing Authority

The Local Licensing Authority has several functions including conducting hearings and making findings of fact on whether to grant or deny a local liquor license, and reviewing alleged liquor and beer violations. The Authority also considers applications for manager registration, change of location, transfer of ownership, change in corporate structure, and request to modify the premises.

Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission

The Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission advises and makes recommendations to the City Council on developing and updating the Parks and Open Space Plan.

Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment

Planning Commission is responsible for holding public hearings to receive testimony on applications for annexations, zoning amendments, classification of new uses, conceptual site plans, Comprehensive Plan amendments, and Development Permits requiring a Specific Use Permit, as outlined in Section 18-33(opens in new window) of the Development Code.

Thornton Active Adult Board

The purpose of the Thornton Active Adult Board is to promote and facilitate communications between the Board and City Council in matters impacting the needs and interest of citizens 55 years of age and older, and to better assist the City Council in being responsive and well advised as to issues of particular relevancy to active adults. The Board makes recommendations for the most appropriate and beneficial use of the Thornton Active Adult Center and how to improve and expand citywide services for active adults.

Thornton Assistance Funds Committee

The Thornton Assistance Funds (TAF) Committee is an advisory committee that reviews the grant applications from nonprofit organizations that serve the basic needs of Thornton residents and promote self-sufficiency. The committee provides a recommendation to City Council on which nonprofit organizations to fund and the level of funding.

Thornton Arts, Sciences and Humanities Council (TASHCO) Board of Directors

The TASHCO Board of Directors advises City Council and makes recommendations on budgeting and master planning for visual and performing arts, science, and history programming projects in the City.

City of Westminster

Official boards and commissions directory

Election Commission

Environmental Advisory Board

Historic Landmark Board

Human Services Board

Inclusivity Board

Parks, Recreation, Libraries & Open Space Advisory Board

Personnel Board

Planning Commission

Special Permit & License Board

Youth Advisory Panel

Town of Bennett

Community profile

Planning and Zoning Commission

Advises the Board of Trustees on zoning and planning. Since January 1, 2022, this commission also serves as the Board of Adjustment; these are combined roles, not two separate boards.

Bennett Park and Recreation District Board of Directors

Independent district governing board, distinct from the Town of Bennett.