

Robert A. Turner

Nominee for Appointment to the Community Reinvestment and Reparations Commission

Current Job: Pastor, Empowerment Temple AME Church



Brandon M. Scott
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MAYOR'S REQUEST TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONFIRMATION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICER

Pursuant to Article IV, §§6(a) and (b) of the Baltimore City Charter 1996 Edition, Mayor Brandon M. Scott hereby requests the City Council of Baltimore City to confirm the appointment of **Robert Turner** to serve as a municipal officer on the **Community Reinvestment and Reparations Commission**. In support of this request, information concerning the mayoral appointee is provided below and in the attached resume.

The information set forth in both the document and the attached resume have been distributed to authorized persons for use in the City Council confirmation process

Name: **Robert Turner**

Appointed to: **Community Reinvestment and Reparations Commission**

Succeeds: **N/A**

Term Expiration Date: **December 3, 2024**

Previous Terms Served (if none, write N/A): **N/A**

Party Affiliation: **Democrat**

Specific Board Requirements: **N/A**

Council District: **5**

Current Occupation: **Pastor**

Current Employer: **Empowerment Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church**

Employer's Address:

Other Relevant Employment: _____

Undergraduate Institution: **University of Alabama**

Graduate Institution: **Turner Theological Seminary, United Theological Seminary**

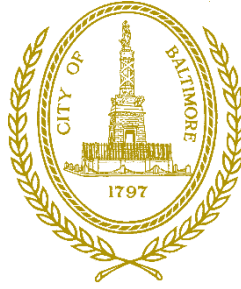
Civic and Professional Affiliations: **Baltimore Leadership Training Institute 2023, Top 25 Marylanders to Watch in 2024**

Date Submitted: **September 26, 2024**

Signature: Brandon M. Scott

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BRANDON M. SCOTT
MAYOR

*100 Holliday Street, Room 250
Baltimore, Maryland 21202*

September 26, 2024

Dear Mr. Turner:

Please accept this letter as formal notice that the City Council has nominated you to serve as a member of the Community Reinvestment and Reparations Commission and I have concurred with that nomination.

You will be contacted by the Office of City Council President Nicholas J. Mosby with details regarding your upcoming City Council nomination hearing before the Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee.

If you have any questions regarding the appointment process, please contact Nina Themelis at Nina.Themelis@baltimorecity.gov or at 443-401-7044.

Your service on the Community Reinvestment and Reparations Commission has my full confidence and support. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the City of Baltimore.

In Service,

Brandon M. Scott
Mayor
City of Baltimore

cc: The Honorable Nicholas J. Mosby, President, City Council
The Honorable Isaac “Yitzy” Schleifer, Chair, Rules & Legislative Oversight Committee
Richard Krummerich, Council Services
Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary, Office of Council Services
Nina Themelis, Director, Mayor’s Office of Government Relations

Robert R. A. Turner
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Education:

- **University of Alabama**, Bachelor of Arts (Honors), 2004, Cum Laude
- **Major:** Political Science **Minor:** Spanish
- **Interdenominational Theological Center, Turner Seminary** Master's in Divinity (Honors), 2010
- **United Theological Seminary:** Doctor of Ministry: Concentration in Prophetic Civic Engagement with a focus in youth and adult education, 2014
- **Baltimore Leadership Training Institute, 2022-2023**

Honors:

Top 25 Marylanders to Watch in 2024

Leadership Baltimore Class 2023

Blackburn Institute Fellow of Year 2021

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Media Appearances: 60 Minutes: BBC, CNN, MSNBC, (Al Sharpton, Tiffany Cross, Andrea Mitchell Show) Good Morning America³ (twice) LA Times, New York Times, USA Today (Op-Ed) Washington Post, Reuters, ABC, CBS

Experiences:

Pastor, African Methodist Episcopal Church 2010-present

Churches: Waymon Chapel A.M.E Church in Brierfield, Alabama, Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church in Selma, Alabama, St. Paul A.M.E Church in Mobile, Alabama, St. James A.M.E. Church Birmingham, Alabama, St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Vernon African Methodist Episcopal Church Pastor & Empowerment Temple A.M.E Church

Major Accomplishments as Pastor:

- Increase programming & membership (i.e.- food ministry, youth ministry, expansion of resources)
- Mentor and Advisor for theological studies for the development of Ministers and Ministry Leads
- Updates to media & infrastructure (i.e.-sound system, cameras, lighting)
- building renovations(flooring, windows, restrooms, prayer rooms, masonry, new roof, Prayer Wall for Racial Healing)
- Technology advancements & development of website
- Leadership Development to build capacity of ministry teams
- Advancement of financial literacy & development
- Increase land mass by half at St. Paul in Tuscaloosa, Al.
- Secure new modes of transportation
- Social justice & Reparations campaign
- Counseling & Trauma Informed Care
- Creation of the St. Paul Community Resource Foundation
- Ministries: Homeless, prison, new members, children/youth (YPD), media, hospitality, education, outreach, music, grief, marriage, singles, mime, drama, ambassadors, missionaries, men & women ministry.

Chief Academic Officer: Jackson Theological Seminary 2017- 2021

- Professor and Developer of Theological and African American Studies
- Taught Historical Context for the Significance of the Black Church
- Served as instructional leader focusing on identification of best practices to increase student engagement
- Recruitment of ministry candidates to increase enrollment
- Onboarding & development of teaching staff to ensure quality instruction for participants
- Facilitation of professional development to build capacity of the professors & improve student outcomes
- Conducted orientation for new students to get them acclimated to seminary offerings
- Secured funding for enhanced programming through fundraising & grant writing
- Facilitated inter departmental collaboration to make key instructional decisions for course offerings aligned with the mission & vision
- Managed business development & financial management plan
- Curriculum implementation to ensure compliance with program regulations
- Facilitate curriculum audits to ensure alignment of courses to state & academic standards
- Managed the development of curriculum, systems & structures to enhance overall academic performance
- Oversaw assessment & promotion policies to ensure a quality learning experience

Community liaison for BEST Advisory Team: George Kaiser Family Foundation: 2018- 2020

- Managed communications between stakeholder teams
- Coordinated needs assessment to strategically plan for stakeholder groups
- Scheduling and implementation of outreach meetings to apply a problem- solving approach method to address concerns
- Analyzed data to develop short and long term problem solving models

Project Director, Truth Racial Healing and Transformation Selma 2017-2019

- Program Officer for the Black Belt Community Foundation
- Ensured staff is properly trained and facilitate professional development
- Overseer of program development & project management
- Facilitator of grant & program proposal writing
- Built & maintained partnerships to expand service offerings
- Budget maintenance to ensure compliance with organization's mission
- Ensured organizations program & activities align with the organization's goals
- Oversaw \$3 million grant from William K. Kellogg Foundation to combat racism

Online Adjunct Professor, Jarvis Christian College 2016- 2017

- Homiletics (religious studies)- application of general principles of rhetoric to the specific art of public preaching
- Produced scholarly articles for publication
- Conducted research, grading, mentoring & taught college level students

Deputy Research Associate, Kettering Foundation, 2014-2017

- Explored the relations between faith-based organizations and the work of community building
- Worked with Kettering Foundation researchers to frame research questions, methodologies & report styles
- Conducted interviews with faith-based leaders & community members to review literature related to the research on faith organizations and community building

- Participated in meetings convened by the Kettering Foundation including Dayton Days, Staff & Associates Retreats, workshop weeks, and other research programs
- Facilitated workshops and trained faith leaders on being civically engaged
- Developed a strategy to lead to the development of research collaborations & joint learning exchanges providing the Foundation with information on best practices from experiments community engagement
- Identified participants and organized learning exchanges concerning the role of faith-based organizations in community building

Assistant Program Director: David Mathews Center for Civic Life, 2013-2015

- Coordinated, facilitated/moderated & reported on deliberative discussions throughout the state of Alabama
- Assisted in planning and preparation of Students' Institute
- Researched and implemented varying methods of civic engagement
- Author blog entries on deliberative discussions
- Planned/Evaluated events from Signature Programs

Program Officer: Community Foundation of South Alabama, 2011- 2013

- Reviewed/Approved grant proposals
- Collaborated with community partners from business, faith-based & public sector
- Created a County-wide Mentorship program module for Mobile County
- Coordinated & Facilitated Asset Building Coalition forums, which included community partners from various sectors in Mobile County
- Coordinated & Facilitated training sessions for mentoring at risk youth

UniServ Director District 22, Alabama Education Association, 2007- 2011

- Managed Employee Relations between staff & supervisor for over 1,800 people
- Assisted in keeping school systems compliant with OSHA & federal regulations
- Coordinated, oversaw, and provided leadership to 6 school systems, 1 community college, 14 local associations & serviced over 1,800 members that span an area of 4 counties & 2 time zones
- Corresponded with attorneys on legal matters
- Developed and implemented membership marketing and recruitment strategies
- Human resources & compliance policy advisor for members & administrators
- Reviewed state legislation & membership communications liaison
- Initiated & planned outreach efforts throughout the district
- Managed budget for district 22
- Planned Annual Summer Leadership Conferences
- Contributor of essential communications in newsletters
- Worked with elected officials in passage of bills rel