



Board Appointment Form

City Clerk's Office

Appointing Office	Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, District 3
Agenda Placement	Consent
Date of Council Meeting	03/17/26
Name of Board	Historic Landmark Commission
Agenda Posting Language	
Appointment of Kelly T. Blough to the Historic Landmark Commission by Representative Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, District 3.	
Appointment Type	Regular
Member Qualifications	
Has professional experience in historic landmarks especially natural.	
Nominee Name	Kelly T. Blough
Nominee Email Address	[REDACTED]
Nominee Residential Address	[REDACTED]
Nominee Primary Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Residing District	District 8
City Employed Relatives	No
Board Membership	
Yes, Historic Landmark Commission 2016-2017	
Real estate owned in El Paso County	
[REDACTED]	
Previous Appointee	Louis Edwards
Reason for Vacancy	Resigned
Date of Appointment	03/17/26
Term Begins On	10/25/24
Term Expires On	10/24/26
Term	Unexpired Term

Kelly Thomas Blough

Professional Summary

Retired environmental and geological professional with 25+ years of experience in federal environmental compliance, restoration, and natural resource management. Skilled in Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, and NEPA compliance, with expertise leading restoration and stormwater programs for the U.S. Army. Proven leader in project planning, contractor management, community engagement, and inter-agency collaboration. Recognized for exceptional performance and innovative solutions in environmental stewardship.

Key Experience

- U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission / Environmental Scientist (GS-12)
2016 – 2023 - Retired
 - Managed environmental compliance for multiple Agency actions on river and land international boundary.
 - Served on City of El Paso Historic Landmark Commission for district 8 2016 – 2017.
 - Served on El Paso County Historical Commission 2018.
- U.S. Army, Fort Bliss – Storm Water / Compliance Cleanup Manager (GS-12)
2002 – 2016
 - Manage storm water compliance programs across multiple states under CWA permits.
 - COR for \$800K+ contracts; oversee budgets, scopes of work, and milestones.
 - Led major cleanups, developed wetland nature trail, secured federal grants.
 - Technical lead for site inspections, data review, NEPA assessments, and spill response.
- U.S. Army, White Sands Missile Range – Geologist (GS-12)
1999 – 2002
 - Directed compliance programs for drinking water, wastewater, and storm water systems across a vast test range.
 - Negotiated with EPA and state regulators; secured NPDES permit averting litigation.
 - Developed and implemented innovative water blending plan to maintain safe supply.

- Environmental Restoration Company – Program Manager, Fort Bliss IRP
1996 – 1999
 - Managed \$700K annual restoration program across 77 sites, including groundwater, soils, and surface water.
 - Directed community Restoration Advisory Board; earned Army award for Best RAB (1999).
- Additional Roles 1988-1996
 - Staff Scientist (Geo-Marine), Geologist (Advanced Sciences, Halliburton NUS), Environmental Specialist (Daniel R. Lutz & Assoc.), Sanitarian (Chester County PA Health Department).

Education

- Masters Course Work. Geology, Univ. of Texas at El Paso
- B.A. Geology, Univ. of Delaware

Certifications & Training (selected)

- OSHA 40-hour HAZWOPER & Supervisory Training
- Project Management Training
- NPDES Storm Water Compliance
- Federal Budget Process & COR Certification

Professional Affiliations

- Vice President, El Paso Geological Society (2007)
- Member, New Mexico Geological Society

Publications & Recognition

- Co-authored U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Technical Report (1997).
- Multiple Geological Society of America presentations.
- Repeated Exceptional/Outstanding performance ratings.
- Awards for environmental protection and community engagement.