THE PROCESS

1. RECRUIT

2. TRAIN

3. PLACE

4. CONNECT

Kandace Montgomery
2014 BCLI Graduate

"We need to be running our own folks for seats by building power that pursues true democracy...We need to be developing leaders to be bold at those decision-making tables and to never leave their community behind. This is how we tell our own story. This is a story that tells everybody they can belong, and this is how we build our movement."

2016-2017 BCLI Important Dates

Visit our site at www.nexuscp.org to keep updated on locations and sign up for our mailings

May 2, 2016: 2016-2017 BCLI Nomination Packets Released

October 6, 2016: Launch Event

BCLI Info Sessions in Spring 2016

- **May 11, 2016: (St. Paul: Rondo Library – 6 pm - 7:30 pm)**
- **May 26, 2016: (South Minneapolis: Hope Community, Inc, – 9 am - 10:30 am)**
- **June 8, 2016: (North Minneapolis: Cookie Cart – 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm)**
- **June 16, 2016: (Brooklyn Center: Brookdale Library – 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm)**

July 1, 2016: Nominations Packets DUE

October 2016 - March 2017: Program Training

Thursday Night Issue Series (Topics TBD):
November 3, 2016 February 9, 2017
December 8, 2016 March 9, 2017
January 12, 2017

April 13, 2017: Graduation *(Location TBA)*

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Nexus Community Partners builds more engaged and powerful communities of color by supporting community building initiatives that expand community assets and foster social and human capital.

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute (BCLI)

***Moving* BEYOND A SEAT**
***at the table* TO A VOTE**
in the decision-making process

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

What is the BCLI?

A 7-month leadership program that supports, trains and helps place people of color and other underrepresented community members on publicly appointed boards and commissions that influence and impact equity in **these five issue areas**: *economic development, health, housing, transit and workforce development.*

Target Geographies

Brooklyn Center	Brooklyn Park
Minneapolis	Saint Paul
Hennepin County	Ramsey County
Metropolitan Council	State of Minnesota

Why the BCLI?

Boards and commissions are often key decision-making bodies on important equity issues. The BCLI supports people of color and underrepresented communities to be a part of that process **from the inside, advocating for their communities and a broader equity agenda.**

BCLI Curriculum

The BCLI is a facilitated learning community of fellows who meet face-to-face and complete online assignments together, including readings, discussions and webinars, from October through April for a total commitment of approximately 100 hours. Our program includes three core curriculum components:

- Knowledge Foundations. *Fellows learn about the five core issue areas through hands-on, applied activities such as writing resolutions and designing a multi-modal road.*
- Technical Skills. *Fellows develop technical skills required by commissioners such as Robert's Rules of Order and messaging and media.*
- Political Skills. *Fellows fine-tune their political skills through interactive trainings that cover topics such as negotiation and persuasion and leadership styles.*

HOW TO APPLY OR NOMINATE A CANDIDATE

Who Participates in the BCLI?

Community members who are representative of, and accountable to, communities of color and other underrepresented communities in the Twin Cities.
Ideal nominees must:

- Be personally focused on advancing equity for people of color and underrepresented communities
- Be 18 years of age
- Meet the residency requirements of the board or commission you are interested in sitting on *(i.e. live, work, own business, etc.)*
- Attend all monthly trainings and events & serve on a board or commission after completion of the BCLI

All fellows are given a small stipend for participation in the program.

Nomination Process and Steps

1) Locate a Nominator or Nominee. All BCLI fellows must be nominated by either BCLI alumni or by community organizations with which the candidate has been affiliated. *If you are not affiliated with an organization but would like to apply, please contact BCLI staff.*

2) Identify Target Seat. Discuss with your nominator which seat you would like to target based on interest and experience.

3) Complete & Submit the Nomination Packet. Visit www.nexuscp.org for the full Nomination Packet.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Thursday Night Issue Series

As part of the BCLI, Nexus hosts five Issue Series on current topics related to our five issue areas. These are collaborative, cross-sector events designed to build shared knowledge on broader equity issues. Events are open to the public.

E-invitations for upcoming Issue Series are sent three weeks prior to each event. Visit www.nexuscp.org to join our listserv for event announcements.