

Emily Allen has served on the Ottawa City Commission since October 2015. After a brief hiatus from 2018 to 2021 due to relocating outside city limits, she was re-elected in November 2021 and continues to serve presently.

A dedicated public servant and active community member, Emily holds a Master's degree in Leadership from Baker University (2015) and a Bachelor's degree from Emporia State University (2012). Over the years, she has contributed to numerous local organizations, including CASA, Communities in Schools, the Play Task Force, Ottawa Area Young Professionals, and the Ottawa Main Street Board. She currently serves on the Airport Advisory Board, the Library Board, and the Franklin County Development Council Board.

Emily is passionate about leading by example and instilling the values of civic engagement and community pride in her children. She is committed to building a vibrant, inclusive Ottawa—one where future generations will choose to live, work, and raise their families.

She lives in Ottawa with her partner, their children, and a lively household that includes their dog, Chino, and two cats, Deion Sanders and Bo Jackson.