



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2025

FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

ISSUES:

Appoint Jamal Myrick to the Human Relations Commission Citywide seat, Steven Delpino to the Airport Commission Ward 3 seat, Jessica Rojas to the Board of Library Trustees Ward 3 seat, Natasha S. Ferguson to the Community Police Review Commission Ward 6 seat, Donald Flores to the Airport Commission Ward 7 seat, Antonius B. Van Vegten to the Human Resources Board Ward 7 seat, Mikael Becker to the Board of Public Utilities Ward 7 seat, and file resignations of Bedan Kamau from the Human Resources Board Ward 3 seat, Melinda Moore-Reins from the Commission of the Deaf Ward 7 seat, Alycia Benson from the Board of Ethics Citywide seat.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Mayor and City Council:

1. Approve the appointment of Jamal Myrick to the Citywide seat on the Human Relations Commission for a term through March 1, 2028;
2. Approve the appointment of Steven Delpino to the Ward 3 seat on the Airport Commission for a term through March 1, 2026;
3. Approve the following appointments for terms through March 1, 2029:
 - a. Jessica Rojas to the Ward 3 seat on the Board of Library Trustees;
 - b. Natasha S. Ferguson to the Ward 6 seat on the Community Police Review Commission;
 - c. Donald Flores to the Ward 7 seat on the Airport Commission;
 - d. Antonius B. Van Vegten to the Ward 7 seat on the Human Resources Board; and
 - e. Mikael Becker to the Ward 7 seat on the Board of Public Utilities.

4. File resignations of:

- a. Bedan Kamau from the Human Resources Board Ward 3 seat;
- b. Melina Moore-Reins from the Commission of the Deaf Ward 7 seat; and
- c. Alycia Benson from the Board of Ethics Citywide seat.

BACKGROUND:

Riverside City Charter Section 802 provides that each board and commission have one representative from each Council Ward.

Pursuant to Resolution 24076, Section XIV (A), the Mayor recommends that the City Council appoint Jamal Myrick to the Human Relations Commission Citywide seat for a term through March 1, 2028.

Councilmember Robillard recommends that the Mayor and City Council appoint Steven Delpino to the Airport Commission Ward 3 seat for a term through March 1, 2026, and Jessica Rojas to the Board of Library Trustees Ward 3 seat for a term through March 1, 2029.

Councilmember Perry recommends that the Mayor and City Council appoint Natasha S. Ferguson to the Community Police Review Commission Ward 6 seat for a term through March 1, 2029.

Councilmember Hemenway recommends that the Mayor and City Council appoint Donald Flores to the Airport Commission, Antonius B. Van Vegten to the Human Resources Board, and Mikael Becker to the Board of Public Utilities Ward 7 seats for terms through March 1, 2029.

On Wednesday, January 29, 2025, the City Clerk's Office received a resignation from Melinda Moore-Reins. Ms. Moore-Reins held the Ward 7 seat on the Commission of the Deaf. Her term expires on March 1, 2029.

On Monday, February 3, 2025, the City Clerk's Office received a resignation from Bedan Kamau. Mr. Kamau held the Ward 3 seat on the Human Resources Board. His term expires on March 1, 2029.

On Thursday, February 13, 2025, the City Clerk's Office received confirmation of a verbal resignation from Alycia Benson. Ms. Benson held the Ward 4 seat on the Board of Ethics. Her term expires on March 1, 2027.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The Mayor and City Council process for appointing a board/commission member to fill a vacancy on a board or commission contributes to the City Council's Envision 2025 Strategic Plan Priority and Goal:

High Performing Government - Provide world-class public service that is efficient, accessible,

and responsive to all, and the following goal:

Goal 5.3 - Enhance communication and collaboration with community members to improve transparency, build public trust, and encourage shared decision-making.

The board/commission appointment process for filling a vacancy aligns with the 5 Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. Community Trust and 2. Equity - Riverside is transparent in providing timely notification when vacancies occur to provide opportunities for residents interested in community engagement and involvement on the City Boards and Commissions.

3. Fiscal Responsibility - Riverside is a prudent steward of public funds and ensures responsible management of the City's financial resources. The City Clerk's Office annual budget includes funding to support and maintain Board and Commission operations administration.

4. Innovation - Board and Commission appointments allow new members to bring innovative ideas to meet the community's changing needs and prepare for the future through collaborative partnerships and adaptive processes.

5. Sustainability & Resiliency - Riverside is committed to meeting the present needs without compromising the needs of the future and ensuring the City's capacity to preserve, adapt and grow during fluctuating times are met. The City is prepared to fill vacancies due to unforeseen resignations by keeping an active pool of applicants.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Recruitment and appointment costs are included annually in the City Clerk's budget.

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