

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

To: Public Safety, Civil Rights & Emergency Management
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Subject:

Fall 2015 Appointments to Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights, Police Conduct Oversight Commission and Police Conduct Review Panel

Description:

The Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights respectfully requests to set a public hearing on December 02, 2015 for the City Council to approve the following Mayoral and Council appointments

POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION					
Appointee Name and Category if any	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward Home=H Work=W	Term Number of years	Term Beginning/ Ending	Board Seat's previous member's name that this Appointee is replacing
Afsheen Foroozan	Council	H=7	1	01/01/2016-12/31/2016	Seat 2
Jennifer Singleton	Council	H=8	2	01/01/2016-12/31/2017	Seat 3
Andrew Buss	Council	H=11	2	01/01/2016-12/31/2017	Seat 4
Laura Westphal	Mayor	H=13	2	01/01/2016– 12/31/2017	Seat 6
Andrea Brown	Mayor	H=2	2	01/01/2016– 12/31/2017	Seat 7

POLICE CONDUCT REVIEW PANEL

Appointee Name and Category if any	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward Home=H Work=W	Term Number of years	Term Beginning/ Ending	Board Seat's previous member's name that this Appointee is replacing
Dennis Wagner	Council	H=5	4	01/01/2016-12/31/2019	Seat 3
Sarah McCann	Council	H=10	4	01/01/2016-12/31/2019	Seat 4
Phillip Trebatoski	Mayoral	H=8	4	01/01/2016-12/31/2019	Seat 7
Kenneth Rance	Council	H=5	4	01/01/2016– 12/31/2019	Seat 8

MINNEAPOLIS COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Appointee Name and Category if any	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward Home=H Work=W	Term Number of years	Term Beginning/ Ending	Board Seat's previous member's name that this Appointee is replacing
Aaron Corfield	Mayor	H=11	2	01/01/2016- 12/31/2017	Seat 3
Dionne Rushin	Mayor	H=12	2	01/01/2016- 12/31/2017	Seat 5
Riah Roe	Council	H=9	3	01/01/2016- 12/31/2018	Seat 8
Marla Khan-Schwartz	Council	H=13	3	01/01/2016- 12/31/2018	Seat 9
Lonnie Nichols	Mayor	H=2	3	01/01/2016- 12/31/2018	Seat 11
John Oberreuter	Council	H=13	3	01/01/2016- 12/31/2018	Seat 12
Tabota Seyon	Mayor	H=5	3	01/01/2016- 12/31/2018	Seat 13
Elizabeth Loeb (Attorney)	Council	H=3	2	01/01/2016- 12/31/2017	Seat 14
Ethel Norwood	Council	H=5	1	01/01/2016- 12/31/2016	Seat 15
Taylor Crouch	Mayor	H=10	1	01/01/2016- 12/31/2016	Seat 17
Jared Hanks	Mayor	H=6	1	01/01/2016- 12/31/2016	Seat 21

Ward/Address:

Not Applicable

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Background/Analysis:

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Financial Review:

No financial impact.

Attachments:

1. N/A

Background Information:

Background Information: (number of vacancies, number of applications, and composition of membership)

Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights

The Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights was first established by ordinance in 1947, and then re-established in 1975 for the purpose of carrying forward the policies of the City in the fields of human relations, promotion of civil rights, and the enforcement of the provisions set forth in the Minneapolis Civil Rights Ordinance.

The Commission on Civil Rights is a 21 member body with 7 Commissioners appointed by the City Council; the remaining 14 members are appointed by the Mayor. Fifteen (15) Minneapolis residents applied to serve on the Commission; there are currently eight vacancies. A committee has met and carefully considered the applicants; we request that seven seats to be appointed during this fall 2015 appointment cycle.

Police Conduct Oversight Commission

The Commission assures that police services are delivered in a lawful and nondiscriminatory manner and provides the public with meaningful participatory oversight of police policy and procedure. Commission members have a variety of responsibilities including shaping police policy, auditing cases, engaging the community in discussions of police procedure, and facilitating cultural awareness trainings for the Minneapolis Police Department.

The Department of Civil Rights requests that the City Council appoint four (4) civilian members to the Police Conduct Oversight Commission, pursuant to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances Title 2, Chapter 14.180(b)(1).

172.80. - Police conduct oversight commission. (a) Composition. The police conduct oversight commission shall be comprised of seven (7) members, four (4) of whom shall be appointed by the city council, and three (3) of whom shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to the approval of a majority of the city council.

In order to stagger the expiration of terms, the original appointments of commissioners shall be for terms of one (1) or two (2) years, as determined by the city clerk. Thereafter, appointments shall be for two (2) years. From the members, a chairperson and vice-chairperson of the commission shall be appointed by the mayor, for terms of two (2) years, subject to the approval of a majority of the city council. In order to stagger the terms of the chairperson and vice-chairperson, the initial appointment of the vice-chairperson shall be for one (1) year.

All must be residents of Minneapolis, never have been employed by the Minneapolis Police Department, and must complete training requirements outlined in Minneapolis Code of Ordinances § 172.60 as well as those described in the appointment posting.

For this Fall 2015 appointment cycle, there are five (5) open seats, four (4) of which were requested for reappointment by current commissioners who have demonstrated high commitment to the PCOC. Seat number 2 will be appointed by a new Commissioner.

Police Conduct Review Panel

The Police Conduct Review Panel is comprised at minimum of seven civilians appointed by the Mayor and City Council and a pool of sworn panelists selected by the Office of the Chief. After a complaint investigation is concluded, it is submitted to the Panel to review. Two civilians and two sworn panelists review the case, discuss it, and submit a recommendation on the merits to the chief of police.

Police Conduct Review Panel pursuant to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances Title 2, Chapter 14.180(b)(1).

172.60. - Review panel civilian appointments. (a) Composition. The pool of civilian review panelists shall be comprised of a minimum of seven (7) members, four (4) of whom shall be appointed by the city council, and three (3) of whom shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to the approval of a majority of the city council. If more than seven (7) members are appointed to comprise the pool of civilian review panelists, the city council shall appoint the eighth member, the mayor the ninth member, subject to approval by a majority of the city council, and alternating thereafter.

The Department of Civil Rights requests that the City Council appoint one (1) civilian member for the eight seat since the number of cases reviewed by the Review Panel has increased significantly in the last semester.

Panelists will serve terms of different lengths to maintain staggered appointments as determined by the city clerk. Panelists must be residents of Minneapolis, never have been employed by the Minneapolis Police Department, and must complete training requirements outlined in Minneapolis Code of Ordinances § 172.60 as well as those described in the appointment posting.