



## Advisory Committee Position Description

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC)  
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### ABOUT THE COMMISSION

The Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC) works in coordination with 10 regional park implementing agencies (counties, cities and special park districts) to support the Council to develop a long-range policy plan, as well as review park and trail master plans for consistency with these policies. Additionally, they review and advise the Council on land acquisition and development programs that include funding priorities for regional parks and trails.

### WHO IS ON THE COMMISSION?

The MPOSC consists of 9 community member commissioners who are appointed by the Metropolitan Council. The chair of the committee is selected at-large and the other 8 members are appointed by Metropolitan Council geographic districts A through H.

### VACANCIES

There is a vacancy for a mid-term appointment that goes through January 2025.

- District D (Council Districts 7 and 8)

These MPOSC openings go through January 2027 (full terms are 4 years)

- District E (Council Districts 9 and 10)
- District F (Council Districts 11 and 12)
- District G (Council Districts 13 and 14)
- District H (Council Districts 15 and 16)

See map below or use the [find your district tool online](#) to find your MPOSC district.

### MEETING INFORMATION

**Frequency:** Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Metropolitan Council, in Downtown St. Paul at 390 Robert Street North.

**Approximate time commitment annually:** MPOSC meets monthly. MPOSC requires 24 hours of meeting time and 12 hours of outside work, including preparation.

**2023 Meetings:** January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7

### BENEFITS

Serving on this commission is a volunteer role without compensation. Members are reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties including transit fare or local parking and mileage for meetings. Imagine the positive impact you could make on the work of the Metropolitan Council, the Regional Parks System, and the Twin Cities region.

### Other benefits include:

- Advise and share input on policies and strategies that guide the Regional Parks Policy Plan, as well as new initiatives like the Regional Parks System Equity Grant Program and regional park and trail planning.
- Learn about a broad range of Regional Parks and Trails topics.
- Help influence the Council and Regional Park Implementing Agency work
- Act as a sounding board for the Council.

## EXPERIENCE

Council is looking for commissioners with the following:

- Interest in regional parks, planning, and policy.
- Commitment to help advance equitable use of the regional parks system for all people, including race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, income and ability.
- Willingness to explore how regional parks and trails can play a vital role in the livability of our region.
- Willingness to prepare for meetings by reading the materials provided, attend monthly in-person Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission meetings, and occasionally help serve in a review or advisory role as needed.

## WHAT WE DO AT THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

The Council provides the following services for the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan region:

- **Plans for Future Growth of the Region:** As the Metropolitan Planning Organization the Council plans for future growth and makes strategic, efficient public investments to support the region's high quality of life and economic competitiveness.
- **Operates Metro Transit:** Every day, Metro Transit serves bus and rail passengers with award-winning, energy-efficient fleets (nearly 85 million in 2014 or nearly 90% of all regional transit rides). These strategic investments support a growing network of bus and rail transitways, and transit-oriented development.
- **Collects and Treats Wastewater:** This region collects and treats wastewater at rates 40% lower than peer regions, while winning national awards for excellence.
- **Protects and Monitors Clean Water:** The Council works to ensure adequate clean water for the future through water supply planning and lake and river monitoring programs.
- **Develops Regional Parks and Trails:** The Council plans and develops a world-class regional parks and trails system made up of more than 60 parks, park reserves, and special recreation features, and more than 415 miles of interconnected trails.
- **Provides Affordable Housing:** The Council creates and supports affordable housing opportunities throughout the region by providing affordable housing for 6,500 families in 100 communities through the Metro Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) and establishing regional housing policies and planning.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete and submit an [online application](#) to join the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission on the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State's website by the priority deadline Friday, December 9.

Applicants can expect the following steps in the recruitment process:

1. Applicant completes and submits application online (cover letter and resume).
2. Selection Committee reviews your application in December.
3. Selected candidates will be invited to a structured panel interview in January.
4. Recommendations are made to the Metropolitan Council Chair.
5. Committee members will be appointed by the Metropolitan Council in February.

## QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about the board or the application process, please contact the following Metropolitan Council staff:

- Emmett Mullin, MPOSC staff liaison: 651-602-1360, [Emmett.Mullin@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:Emmett.Mullin@metc.state.mn.us)
- Katie Driscoll, Appointments Coordinator: 651-602-1938, [Katie.Driscoll@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:Katie.Driscoll@metc.state.mn.us)

## OTHER RESOURCES

Committee materials and more information are available on the [Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission](#) on the Metropolitan Council website. There you may find the Committee's meeting minutes, agendas and member roster.

To find your MPOSC district visit [Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission \(MPOSC\) District map \(metro council.org\)](#).