

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 25, 2015

Subject: Appointment of the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee Chair

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statute 473.375 9a.

Staff Prepared/Presented: Adam Duininck, Chair

Division/Department: Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of Kjensmo Walker as Chair of the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee

Background

The Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC) was established by the Metropolitan Council pursuant to MN Statute 473.375 9a. The TAAC's purpose is to advise the Council on "the development and management of policies regarding accessibility of all aspects of fixed regular route and special transportation services for persons with disabilities." The TAAC also advises the Council "on long-range plans to meet the accessible transportation needs of the disability community." The TAAC is a 16-member board which includes people who are elderly, have a disability, use special transportation, and represent appropriate agencies for people who are elderly or have a disability. The Metropolitan Council appoints eight members and the Chair. The remaining seven members are appointed by the Minnesota State Council on Disability (2), the Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (2), the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging (2), and the Minnesota state AARP office (1).

Current TAAC members were asked to submit an application for the Chair position, if interested; two members expressed interest. Council members Munt, Reynoso, and Rodriguez conducted interviews on Monday, March 9, 2015, and recommended Ms. Walker. Ms. Walker has served on TAAC since May 2012. Ms. Walker was appointed to TAAC by the Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (MCCD).

If appointed as Chair, Ms. Walker will serve a two-year term ending January 1, 2017.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.