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Meeting date: June 24, 2015

Subject: Appointment of Regional Administrator

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minn. Stat. § 473.125

Staff Prepared/Presented: Adam Duininck, Chair, 651-602-1453

Division/Department: Regional Administration

Proposed Action

Chair Duininck recommends the Metropolitan Council appoint Wes Kooistra to the position of Regional Administrator.

Background

Pat Born recently announced that he will retire from his position of Regional Administrator on July 3, 2015. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 473.125, the Metropolitan Council appoints the Regional Administrator to serve at the Council's pleasure as the principle administrative officer for the Metropolitan Council.

Rationale

The Regional Administrator is responsible for organizing the work of the Council staff and must ensure that all policy decisions of the Council are carried out. The Regional Administrator shall recommend to the Council for adoption measures deemed necessary for efficient administration of the Council, keep the Council fully apprised of the financial position of the Council, and perform other duties as prescribed by the Council.

Wes Kooistra has served as the Council's Deputy Regional Administrator since August, 2011, and prior to that time served as the Council's CFO since September, 2008. Mr. Kooistra also has 14 years in executive level positions at the Minnesota Department of Human Services, including chief financial officer, assistant commissioner, deputy commissioner, and acting commissioner.

Upon approval by the Council, it is recommended that Mr. Kooistra's first day as Regional Administrator is July 4, 2015.

Funding

Funding for this position is included in the 2015 operating budget.

Known Support / Opposition

None known.