

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 24, 2021

Subject: Co-Chair Appointment to the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC)

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statute 473.127

Staff Prepared/Presented: Charlie Zelle, Chair

Division/Department: Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following Co-Chair appointment to the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC):

Co-Chair – Leah Goldstein Moses.

Background

The Equity Advisory Committee was established by the Metropolitan Council pursuant to MN Statute 473.127. The purpose of the Equity Advisory Committee is to advise the Metropolitan Council in its work to advance equity in the metropolitan region and meet the Council's equity commitments in Thrive MSP 2040. The Equity Advisory Committee is comprised of 21 members, including 4 Council Members, 8 community members from geographic districts (A-H), and 9 community members who serve at-large.

Rationale

The Equity Advisory Committee Co-Chair (community member) position is up for appointment due to vacancy. After notifying the Committee of an opening, the co-chairs received two letters of interest from current Equity Advisory Committee members.

The current co-chairs reviewed the applicant's information in view of the evolving role of the EAC and made an appointment recommendation for Chair Zelle's consideration. The Chair's final recommendations are as noted above.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Appointing a new co-chair to EAC is necessary to keep the committee functioning. The committee is critical to the Council's work towards advancing all regional outcomes, including equity.

Funding

N/A

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.