

Business Item

Metropolitan Council



Committee Meeting Date: August 24, 2022,

For the Metropolitan Council: August 18, 2022

Business Item: 2022-238

Appointment of new Equity Advisory Co-Chair

District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statute 473.127
Staff Prepared/Presented: Charles A. Zelle, Chair, 651-602-1390
Division/Department: Chair Office

Proposed Action

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

Vanessa Jenkins (District G)

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 bylaws stated the Council Chair will recommend to the Council for its approval two Committee Co-Chairs. One of the Co-Chairs will be a Council member serving on the Committee and one Co-Chair will be a geographic member or an at-large member serving on the Committee. The term of each Co-Chair is one year, after which they may be reappointed for an additional one-year term. The Co-Chairs shall preside at all meetings of the Committee and shall have such duties and responsibilities as are normally attendant upon such an office including, but not limited to:

1. Providing leadership and presiding over Committee meetings; and
2. Serving as a Committee liaison to the Council.

The term of the current co-chair expired in April 2022 but continued to serve until a new action for co-chair was approved. The Equity Advisory Committee members have recommended a new co-chair at the August 16, 2022, meeting. Vanessa Jenkins was recommended by the committee.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The impact of the Equity Advisory Committee is in alignment with the Thrive equity outcome. A new co-chair to the 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

Small Business Inclusion

n/a

