

Business Item

Metropolitan Council



For the Metropolitan Council: March 8, 2023

Business Item: 2023-30

Appointments to Audit Committee

District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 473.127 and 473.853
Staff Prepared/Presented: Charlie Zelle, Chair
Division/Department: Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments 2-year and 4-year terms to the Audit Committee:

2-year term (Appointment through January 1, 2025)

- District 14 Quinn Gaalswyk — Chief Auditor, University of Minnesota
- District 16 Amy Jorgenson — Chief Audit Officer, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

4-year term (Appointment through January 1, 2027)

- District 6 Andra Roethler — Chief Auditor, Hennepin County
- District 12 Grace George — Risk, Compliance and Audit Quality Assurance, US Bank

Background

The Audit Committee was established by the Metropolitan Council under MN Statutes 473.127 and 473.853. The purpose of the Audit Committee is to provide structured systematic oversight of the organization's governance, risk management, and internal control practices. The Committee assists the Council by providing advice and guidance on the adequacy of the organization's initiatives for governance structure, risk management, values and ethics, internal control framework, and internal and external audits.

The Audit Committee membership consists of seven voting members, plus a chair. Four are Council members and four are external members with expertise in such areas as finance, accounting, auditing, information systems, managements, operations, or program performance.

Rationale

All Audit Committee terms are up for appointment due to term expirations. Since January, the Council has made ongoing efforts to recruit qualified members for all openings. Council Member Chai Lee, Council Member Susan Vento, Director of Program Evaluation and Audit Matt LaTour served on the nominating committee which hosted interviews on January 26. Council Member Chai Lee has been appointed as the Chair of the Audit Committee as of June 2022.

The Committee will have four Council members and four external members.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Appointing members to Audit Committee is necessary to keep the committee functioning. Audit Committee work advances all five Thrive Outcomes by providing oversight of the organization's governance, risk management, and internal control practices. This oversight mechanism also serves to provide confidence in the integrity of these practices.

Funding

N/A

Small Business Inclusion

N/A

