

Business Item

Metropolitan Council



For the Metropolitan Council: December 13, 2023

Business Item: 2023-304

Appointment of Regional Administrator

District(s), member(s):	All
Policy/legal reference:	Minn. Stat. § 473.125; Council Bylaws, art. IV.B
Staff prepared/presented:	Charles A. Zelle, Council Chair
Division/department:	Regional Administration

Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council appoint Ryan O'Connor to the position of Regional Administrator

Background

The Regional Administrator is responsible for organizing the work of the Council staff and ensuring policy decisions of the Council are carried out. The Regional Administrator recommends to the Council for adoption measures deemed necessary for efficient administration of the Council, keeps the Council fully apprised of the financial position of the Council, and performs other duties as prescribed by the Council.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 473.125, the Metropolitan Council is the "appointing authority" and is responsible for appointing the Regional Administrator. By statute, the Regional Administrator serves at the Council's pleasure and is the "principle administrative officer" for the Metropolitan Council. After input from an interview panel, the Chair recommends one applicant for consideration by the Council's governing body.

Rationale

Ryan O'Connor is a highly qualified candidate. O'Connor has served as the Ramsey County Manager since August 2018; prior to this experience he also held positions as the Deputy County Manager and the Director of Policy Analysis and Planning for Ramsey County. O'Connor has extensive experience effectively leading public organizations and comes to the Council highly recommended by his peers.

Thrive lens analysis

This action supports stewardship and demonstrates efficient and effective management of public financial resources.

Funding

Funding for this position is included in the 2024 operating budget.