

MEMORANDUM – METRO WATER RECOVERY BOARD

TO:	Mayor Mike Johnston
FROM:	Office of Boards & Commissions
DATE:	May 27, 2024
PURPOSE:	Re-Appointments for Metro Water Recovery Board
PROCESS:	Mayor's Approval
NEXT STEPS:	City Council Confirmation

Staff Liaisons:

Margaret Medelin – DOTI Deputy Manager of Utilities

CURRENT BOARD STATUS

Scope of Board/Commission: Metro Water Recovery is an organization responsible for treating waste water from regional municipalities so the effluent is in compliance with regulations and safe to be discharged into local waterways. Municipalities have representation on the board based on flows sent to the organization.

Appointment Process: The board of directors is comprised of 40 directors and Denver Mayor appoints 10 with City Council Confirmation.

Mayor Mike Johnston has approved the Re- appointments of the following:

Mary Beth Susman (Female)(Caucasian)



BIO: Mary Beth Susman is a former Denver City Councilwoman and served two terms as President of the Council. She spear-headed the city's recreational marijuana ordinances; helped develop the 2040 City Comprehensive Plan and the Green Roofs ordinances; developed Denver's short term rental ordinances; led the creation of the Denver Transportation and Infrastructure department and developed several legislative innovations related to e-bikes, e-scooters, and ride-share technologies.

She served on various council committees, including chairing the Land Use committee for 6 years. She also served on the board of Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, Transportation Solutions Board of Directors, Metro County Commissioners, National League of Cities, Colorado Municipal League, the Denver Planning Board, and presently sits on the Metro Water Recovery

Board.

Term: 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2026 or until a successor is duly appointed.



Ronald Younger (Male)(African American)

BIO: Retired DOTI Employee, 31 years with City & County of Denver
Term: 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2026 or until a successor is duly appointed.

Janet Kieler (Female)(Caucasian)



BIO: As the Director of Environmental Programs for Denver International Airport (DEN), I help DEN protect the environment in which it operates. I lead the systematic management of environmental aspects, develop objectives and strategies for environmental performance, and resolve complex business issues. In doing this work I support DEN in maintaining accreditation to the ISO 14001 standard for environmental management systems (EMS). I am responsible for all aspects of environmental sustainability, including green buildings and infrastructure, air quality, climate action, water quality, waste, wetlands, and natural resources. I design and manage the programs, procedures, standards, and projects necessary to implement DEN’s environmental sustainability policies, goals, and objectives. I serve as a liaison and advisor to other groups at DEN providing programmatic support and subject matter expertise. I represent DEN in meetings with elected officials, appointed officials, other cities, and other agencies on environmental issues. I manage an operating budget of \$5.5M that includes a staff of 13.

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CURRENT BOARD	TERM END DATE
Janet Kieler, PE, Denver (F)(C)	06-30-24
Mary Beth Susman, PhD, Denver (F)(C)	06-30-24
Ronald Younger, Denver (M)(AA)	06-30-24
Doug Lazure Denver (M)(C)	06-30-25
Andrew Johnston, Denver (M)(C)	06-30-25
Jennifer Williams, Denver, (F)(C)	06-30-25
Peter Spanberger, Denver(M)(C)	06-30-25
Thomas Roode, Denver (M)(C)	06-30-25
Travis Bogan, Denver (M)(C)	06-30-25
Mary Gearhart PE, Denver (F)(C)	06-30-25