

MEMORANDUM – COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD

TO:	City Council
CC:	
FROM:	Esther Lee Leach
DATE:	4/23/2024
PURPOSE:	Appointment for Community Corrections Board
PROCESS:	City Council Confirmation
PROJECT:	N/A
NEXT STEPS:	City Council Confirmation

Staff Liaison: Greg Mauro, Division of Community Corrections | Department of Safety

Scope of Board/Commission: The Denver Community Corrections Board oversees the acceptance and rejection criteria for all offenders considered for placement in the Denver Community Corrections Residential program.

The Board is made up of representatives across the criminal justice spectrum.

- 10 represent criminal justice and human services departments, One represents Victim Services, Two have experience or expertise in criminal justice, Six are citizens of the City and County of Denver, One is a locally elected official, One is a representative of Denver Public Schools

Appointment Process: The Board has 21 members who are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council for 4 year terms.

Mayor Mike Johnston has approved the appointment of Andrew Zavaras.

Appointment Candidate



Andrew Zavaras (Male)(Caucasian)

BIO: Assistant Director, Colorado Department of Corrections, Division of Adult Parole (2005-Present – various roles) Andy is a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. In 2005, he started with the division as a Community Parole Officer. In 2010, Andy was promoted to Team Leader and in 2015 he became the first Supervisor of the newly formed Housing & Stabilization Unit (HSU). In 2017, Andy was promoted to Manager and oversaw the HSU, West Denver, and Westminster offices at various times. Andy has served as the Deputy Compact Administrator of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) and in 2022, he was appointed by Governor Polis as Commissioner of ICAOS for the State of Colorado. In addition to his ability to connect and foster relationships with other state agencies, Andy is passionate about intentional leadership and working through barriers that affect performance and culture.

Term: 05/15/2024 - 05/14/2028 or until a successor is duly appointed

CURRENT BOARD	TERM END DATE
Chris Meeks, Denver (Male, Caucasian), Criminal Justice Rep.	06-30-24
Kimberly Howard (Female, African American), Rep, Chief Probation Officer	06-30-24
Lt. Michelle Folmar, Denver (Female, Caucasian), Rep. Department of Safety	06-30-24
Sheriff Elias Diggins (Male, African American), Rep Sherriff's Department	06-30-24
Kathrine "Kate" Knowles (Female, Caucasian), Rep District Attorney Office	06-30-25
Jorge Aleman, Denver (Male, Hispanic), Rep. Youth Corrections	06-30-25
DeAnna Maes, (Female, Hispanic), Rep. Citizen Member	06-30-26
Brianne Hanson, (Female, Caucasian), Rep. Citizen Member	06-30-26
Scott Mangino, (Male, Caucasian), Rep. Citizen Member	06-30-26
Blake Renner, (Male, Caucasian), Rep Colorado Public Defender	06-30-26
Michelle Sykes, (Female, African American), Rep. Criminal Justice	06-30-27
Cary Heck, Arvada (Male, Caucasian), Rep. Adult Probabtion	06-30-27
Dana Niemela, (Female, Caucasian), Rep. Human Services	06-30-27
Charlene Emory-Proctor, (Female, Two or More Races), Rep. Citizen Member	06-30-27
Nicole Monroe, (Female, African American), Rep. Department of Safety	06-30-27
Hon. Julie Gonzales (Female, Hispanic), Local Elected Official	02-28-28