

MEMORANDUM – DENVER HOUSING AUTHORITY

TO:	City Council
FROM:	Office of Boards & Commissions
DATE:	November 1, 2024
PURPOSE:	Reappointment for Denver Housing Authority
PROCESS:	City Council Confirmation

Staff Liaison:

Joaquin Cintron Vega (DHA)

CURRENT BOARD STATUS

Scope of Board/Commission: THE AUTHORITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING, MANAGING AND MAINTAINING LOW RENT HOUSING PROJECTS FOR FAMILIES OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOME. ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR HIRING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Appointment Process: Mayor appoints all members and City Council confirms, 9 members for a term of 5 years.

Appointment Candidate:

Jonathan Cappelli – Executive Director, Neighborhood Development Collaborative



Bio: Jonathan is a dedicated urban planner and community development advocate with a Master’s degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Colorado, where she concentrated on affordable housing and community development. Jonathan also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a focus on Environmental Studies from St. Olaf College. Since 2015, he has been the owner of Cappelli Consulting LLC, providing expert housing policy, facilitation, and urban planning services to various clients, including PLACE, Mile High United Way, the City of Denver, and Lake County. Johnathan leads the Neighborhood Development Collaborative, a coalition of 14 nonprofit affordable housing organizations in the Denver metro area, focusing on collaborative advocacy and capacity-building initiatives. Previously, Jonathan worked as an Associate at the Urban Land Conservancy, where she developed community real estate assets in underserved neighborhoods through a community land trust model. His experience also includes an internship with ACDI/VOCA, where he researched climate change mitigation strategies for USAID-funded projects and created educational resources. With strong skills in affordable housing policy, real estate development, community organizing, and socio-economic spatial analysis, Jonathan is proficient in English and Spanish and has expertise in various technical tools, including Adobe Creative Suite, ArcGIS, and SketchUp. Beyond his professional endeavors, Jonathan is actively involved in volunteer work, serving on the boards of All In Denver and Mile High Connects, as well as participating in the Housing Colorado and Urban Land Institute committees focused on affordable housing.

Term: 12/1/2024-11/30/2029 or until a successor is duly appointed.

CURRENT BOARD**TERM END DATE**

Melinda Pollack

07-20-26

Fernando Sergio Ferrufino

07-20-26

Charles Gilford III

07-20-27

Melanie Lewis Dickerson

03-31-29

Craig Allen

07-20-29

Charlie Knight

09-30-29