



**DENVER**  
THE MILE HIGH CITY

# **Mayoral Appointments and Reappointments to the Denver Health and Hospital Authority Board of Directors**

December 15, 2020

- Denver Health and Hospital Authority (DHHA) was established in state statute to operate the former Denver General Hospital, previously operated under the City's then-Department of Health & Hospitals (Colorado Revised Statutes § 25-29-103)
  - DHHA established as an independent entity/political subdivision of the State “which shall not be subject to administrative direction or control by any department, commission, board, bureau, or agency of state or local government”
  - 11 member board created to be “responsible for the operation of the health system”
    - Board directs Denver Health’s activities including:
      - Financial management
      - Education and quality assurance
      - Personnel and compensation
    - Board is subject to State open meetings law

# Appointment of Members

- Per statute, DHHA Board members are appointed by the Mayor and must be confirmed by City Council
- Members serve 5 year terms and may not serve more than two consecutive full terms
- Members receive no compensation for their Board service

- Patricia Dean, Denver (F)(C)(CD7)
- Dr. John Reilly, Denver (M)(C) (CD6)
- Kevin Quinn, Greenwood Village (M)(C)
- Patti Klinge, Denver (F)(C)(CD1)
- Anne Warhover, Denver (F)(C) (CD11)
- Dr. Irene Aguilar, Denver (F)(H) (CD1)
- Fernando Carreira, Denver (M)(H)(CD6)\*
- Richard James “Jim” Chavez (M)(H)\*
- Paul Washington, Boulder, (M)(AA)\*
- Rus Heise, Denver (M)(C)(CD10)\*\*
- Susan Powers, Denver (F)(C)(CD1)\*\*

\* = seeking reappointment, \*\* = terms expired 6/2020

- **Reappointments:**
  - Fernando Carreira, Denver (M)(H)(CD6)
    - Originally appointed in 2012 to fill unexpired term and reappointed in 2015 for first full term
    - Physician at an area medical practice
    - Provides valuable medical expertise and perspective to the Board
    - Strong commitment to the mission of Denver Health
  - Richard James “Jim” Chavez, Highlands Ranch (M)(H)
    - Originally appointed in 2019 to fill unexpired term and reappointed in 2020 for full term
    - Instrumental in assisting Denver Health to grow community outreach and address issues of health equity in the community
    - Passion for serving community in personal and professional capacity has been a proven asset to patients and community
    - Professional experience as non-profit leader

- Paul Washington, Boulder, (M)(AA)
  - Originally appointed in 2018
  - Beneficial expertise in marketing and business
  - Knowledge of financial aspects of healthcare and business
  - Ability to provide guidance on successful business strategies and new market opportunities
- **New Appointments**
  - Hollie Velasquez-Horvath (F)(H) Denver (CD5)
    - Strong ties to the Denver community
    - Commitment to improving the lives of the patients DHHA serves
    - Professional experience in community relations and public affairs

- Elias Provencio-Vasquez, Denver (M)(H) (CD9)
  - Vast professional experience in healthcare
  - Commitment to the nursing profession in Colorado
  - Dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Colorado, bringing nursing representation to the Board

- RR20-1459: Approves the following Mayoral reappointments and appointments to the Denver Health and Hospital Authority board of directors: reappointment of Fernando Carreira for a term effective immediately and expiring on 6-30-22 or until a successor is duly appointed; reappointments of Richard James Chavez and Paul Washington for terms effective immediately and expiring on 6-30-25 or until a successor is duly appointed; appointments of Hollie Velasquez-Horvath and Elias Provencio-Vasquez for terms effective immediately and expiring on 6-30-25 or until a successor is duly appointed.