

MEMORANDUM – DOWNTOWN DENVER BID

TO:	City Council
FROM:	Esther Lee Leach – Mayor’s Office of Boards & Commissions
DATE:	1/24/2025
PURPOSE:	Appointments & Reappointments Downtown Denver BID
NEXT STEPS:	City Council Confirmation

Staff Liaison:

Beth Moyski - Senior Vice-President, Downtown Environment & Economic Development, Downtown Denver Partnership

CURRENT BOARD STATUS

Scope of Board/Commission: The Downtown Denver Business Improvement District represents about 400 Downtown commercial property owners who invest in the vitality of Downtown Denver and create a vibrant, inviting, and thriving commercial core.

Appointment Process: Mayor appoints 7 members to this board followed by City Council Confirmation

Appointment Candidates:

Term: 2/01/2025 - 1/31/2028 or until a successor is duly appointed



Julian Tucker, General Manager, Thompson Denver

BIO A long-time leader at various Hyatt properties, Tucker began his career 25 years ago at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee working overnight in the Security Department. As he grew within the industry, Tucker took many leadership roles with Hyatt including Hyatt Regency Chicago, Hyatt Regency Long Beach, and Huntington Beach Resort and Spa, eventually becoming Director of Rooms at Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center after which he spent the next six years in the Caribbean at the Hyatt Regency Trinidad West Indies, Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort, Spa and Casino. Tucker is involved with his community serving on a number of community programs including Hyatt Black Southwest Florida bringing awareness and opportunities in the area, Board of Directors West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, President of West Hollywood Minority Small Business Foundation, Board of Directors Sunset Strip Improvement District and the Board of Directors Visit West Hollywood visitor’s bureau.



Wendi Malone, Senior Property Manager, Hines

BIO Wendi is a Senior Property Manager in the Asia Pacific region (APAC), assisting with overseeing company owned and third-party properties in a region that includes Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, and Singapore. During her career at Hines, Wendi has worked on several high-rise office assets located in the United States and later served as Program Leader for European Management Services & Operations, setting many programs benchmarking and guidelines for Pan-European assets. Wendi is a member of Hines APAC ESG Regional team and is an Australia Green Star Associate. Wendi holds a Bachelor of Science in International Business from Virginia Intermont. She enjoys alpine hiking and ballroom jive dancing.

Reappointment Candidates:

Term: 01/01/2025 - 12/31/2027 or until a successor is duly appointed



Edward Blair, General Manager, Sage Hospitality

BIO With more than 25 years of hospitality experience, Blair most recently served as the General Manager - or "Rebel Leader" - at Denver's The Curtis - a Doubletree by Hilton. He previously served as the General Manager at Sage's Embassy Suites Denver Downtown, where he was honored with the "Sage Passion Award" for 2017. He also spent almost a decade as the General Manager of The Oxford, where he was named "Leader of the Year" in 2012. Under his direction, The Oxford was honored as Sage's "Hotel of the Year" for 2011, based on its strong financials, market share, guest, employee, and audit metrics. A graduate of the University of Colorado at Boulder, Blair also previously served as the Chief Operating Officer of the Mile High United Way. He is a founding member of Denver's Road to Work Business Advisory Council, which provides training and employment opportunities for people suffering from poverty and those with disabilities. He is also involved with the Downtown Denver Partnership, previously serving as chairman of the non-profit's Business Improvement District board and on the 14th Street General Improvement District board. Center Hotel Authority. For his efforts to promote tourism in Denver and Colorado, LeMasters was inducted into the Colorado Tourism Hall of Fame.



David Foley, Principal & Managing Broker, Makers Commercial

BIO Foley is an entrepreneur with a 20 years' experience in commercial construction management and Commercial Real Estate. Foley focuses on the Real Estate Development of Denver Metro Area bringing in-depth market knowledge and efficiency building relationships with his clients. Foley's clients are in healthcare, industrial, flex/office, office and retail.



Nathan Roberts, Managing Director - Real Estate, Kittredge Ventures

BIO Roberts has vast experience with operational Real Estate in Denver Metro Area. Currently, Roberts focus on the oversight of property management and management of his family owned business. Roberts has experience developing growth opportunities including Real Estate acquisitions, real estate developments and non-real estate investments. Nathan also brings experience with financial, demographic, and microeconomic analysis.



Evan Gart, Executive Vice President at Gart Properties

BIO Evan sources and executes real estate investment opportunities for Gart Properties in addition to overseeing the company's existing portfolio. Prior to joining Gart Properties, Evan worked for SLATE Partners, a Denver-based investment bank that specializes in sell-side M&A in the building materials and building services sectors. Evan received his BBA in Finance from the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University.

CURRENT BOARD

TERM END DATE

Edward Blair	Up to reappointment
Evan Gart	Up to reappointment
David Foley	Up to reappointment
Nathan Roberts	Up to reappointment
Jodi Janda	12-31-2025