

MEMORANDUM - DOWNTOWN DENVER DESIGN ADVISORY BOARD

TO:	Mayor Mike Johnston
FROM:	Office of Boards & Commissions
DATE:	8/13/2025
PURPOSE:	Reappointment for the Downtown Denver Design Advisory Board

Board Purpose:

The Downtown Denver Design Advisory Board was established in 2019. The nine-member board has design review oversight of proposed projects in the Golden Triangle, Central Platte Valley-Auraria and Arapahoe Square areas of downtown Denver and serves as the next step towards a more consistent and comprehensive design review system for all of downtown.

Appointment Process:

Mayor appoints 9 members, each serving a three (3) year term. This board requires a specific mix of members including residents, architects, landscape architects, design industry professionals, property owners and development/construction professionals.

Reappointment Candidate:

Term: 4/30/2025-5/1/2028



Sarah Komppa (she/her) (Female, Caucasian)

AIA, LEED AP

Sarah remains deeply interested in continuing to serve on the Downtown Design Advisory Board for a third term. She has very much enjoyed her service to date on the Board, and would be honored to continue reviewing applications and upholding the applicable Design Standards and Guidelines. She feels it is so rewarding to see many of the projects that the Board has reviewed under construction or to experience those that are completed, including the resulting public realm and design details that they review so closely with Sarah Kaplan's guidance. If the Mayor's office agrees, Sarah would be honored to serve another term.



CURRENT BOARD

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1		Kimberly Kliewer	3	1/5/2026	Female	Caucasian	
2		Ryan Meeks	2	1/5/2026	Male	Caucasian	
3		Anthony Spikes	3	5/1/2027	Male	Other	
4		Dan Craine	3	4/30/2028	Male	Caucasian	
5		Sarah Komppa	2	5/1/2025	Female	Caucasian	
6		Matt Shawaker	2	5/1/2025	Male	Caucasian	
7		Matthew Archuletta	2	5/1/2027	Male	Hispanic	Yes
8		Nan Ellin	1	11/30/2027	Female	Caucasian	No
9		John Deffenbaugh	2	1/5/2026	Male	Caucasian	No
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Hispanic		1
Other		1
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