

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS CANDIDATES MEMORANDUM

Denver Health and Hospital Authority

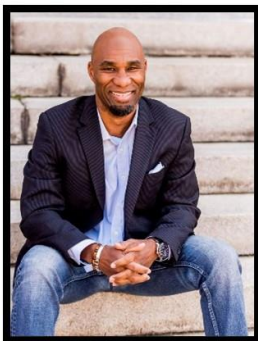
To	Denver City Council
From	Mayor's Office of Boards & Commissions
Date	3/31/2026

BOARD PURPOSE

The mission of the Authority is to provide access to quality preventative, acute, and chronic health care for all the residents of Denver regardless of ability to pay; provide high quality emergency medical services to Denver and the Rocky Mountain region; fulfill public health functions for citizens of the City and County of Denver as the Authority is able and consistent with the needs of the citizens of Denver; provide for the health education of patients and participate in the education of the next generation of health care professionals: and engage in research to the extent that it enhances the ability of the Authority to meet the health care needs of its patient. Board members serve five-year terms and direct Denver Health's activities, which include financial management; education and quality assurance; and personnel and compensation

APPOINTMENT CANDIDATE PROFILES

Term Dates: 07/01/2022 to 6/30/2027



Bio:

Anyone who describes Ministry as easy has had a vastly different experience than most clergy. Among the most significant challenges in ministry for me to overcome has revolved around the two keys of preparedness and expectation. As baby boomers achieve the blessing of elder age, I have had to accept my failure to lead leaders to cultivating Gen Y & Z for the congregation's future. Now, we have to play catch up and build connection, relationship and mutual trust in a bit of an emergency. One of the things I am most excited about in ministry is the gift God has given me to

Reverend Eugene Downing, D.Min.

bridge private and public sector networks with faith and community needs in my twenty-two years in pastoral ministry. In Denver, God has given me opportunity to build partnerships among New Hope members and community agencies striving for the uplift of marginalized people. Among the 20 community agencies with whom we have partnered I am excited about my current work with the Colorado Energy Office as it strives to expand sustainable transportation in Colorado to fight climate change. Equally, I am excited about my work with Habitat for Humanity as we contribute to ending housing insecurity in Metro Denver.

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Ozward “Dr. Ozzie” Grenardo, MD, MBA, MSHA, FAAFP

Bio:

As a first-generation American raised in Colorado by immigrant parents from Guyana and Poland—both of whom proudly served in the U.S. military, grew up with a deep respect for accountability, service, and cultural diversity. These early influences, coupled with a desire to improve the healthcare experience for underserved individuals, led him to start his own private practice, OG Health, in Greenwood Village, Colorado. With over 30 years of experience in family medicine and healthcare leadership, Dr. Grenardo brings a unique blend of compassionate, personalized care and executive-level insight to his patients at OG Health, the practice he founded to reflect his vision of whole-person care. He believes great care begins with a genuine relationship—where patients feel seen, heard, and truly known by their physician. His leadership has touched every level of the healthcare system, from clinical integration to medical education and health equity. A Stanford University graduate with a degree in Human Biology, Dr. Grenardo later earned dual master’s degrees in business administration and health administration before completing his MD at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. He completed his Family Medicine residency at Rose Medical Center in Denver.

Reappointment? No

Term Number: 1

For New Appointments:

Filling an Open Seat? Yes

Replacing an Expiring Seat:

- Kathy Nesbitt, resigned- term expires 6/2027
- Douglas Freidnash, resigning- term expires 6/2027

Appointment Process for Seat: Mayoral Appointment, Council Confirmation.

BOARD COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS

N/A