

MEMORANDUM – DENVER WOMEN’S COMMISSION

TO:	City Council
FROM:	Office of Boards & Commissions
DATE:	1/24/2025
PURPOSE:	Appointments for Denver Women’s Commission
PROCESS:	City Council Confirmation

Staff Liaison: Rowena Alegria, HRCP

Scope of Board/Commission: The Denver Women’s Commission is dedicated to the women of Denver and their families so that they have the opportunities to live full, productive, authentic lives. The Commission promotes the social and economic quality of life in Denver by assisting women in the attainment of equality and full opportunity by:

- Advocating for women, especially in spaces where women are overlooked and underappreciated.
- Empowering women through coalition building, sharing information, and distributing community resources.
- Monitoring and recommending legislation and proposed policy changes affecting women

Appointment Process: Mayor appoints all Commissioners and City Council confirms, 21 Commissioners for a term of 3 years.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**Appointment Candidates:**

Term: 2/1/2025 – 1/31/2027 or until or until a successor is duly appointed.

Rhoda Pilmer (F)(C) – Assistant District Attorney, Adams County



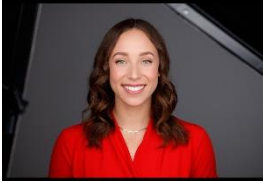
BIO: Rhoda oversees several critical areas of the office's operations, including County Court Attorneys, Intake, Appeals, Victim Services, Paralegals, and Legal Assistant units. Rhoda has been a dedicated member of the District Attorney’s office for eighteen years, during which she has tried over eighty cases to verdict. Throughout her tenure, Rhoda has led key initiatives aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the office. Her efforts have included increasing data transparency, enhancing liaison support with all jurisdictional law enforcement agencies, and advancing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging initiatives. In 2024, she spearheaded the Women’s Leadership Summit, a significant event that provided leadership training and coaching to women seeking professional growth within public service. Rhoda received her Juris Doctor from the University of Denver Law School. To further her expertise in leadership, she also obtained a graduate certificate in Executive Leadership from Cornell University. Rhoda has dedicated her career to public service and ethically representing the people of Colorado. Her daily efforts are focused on ensuring community safety and well-being. She is passionate about encouraging women to join and succeed in the legal profession, and she works tirelessly to create opportunities for their professional development. Rhoda’s extensive experience, leadership, and unwavering commitment to justice have made her a vital asset to the Adams County District Attorney’s Office.

Rachel Levine (F)(C) - Director of People Development, Dumb Friends League



Bio: Rachel Levine's professional work in the nonprofit industry focuses on organizational development and DEAI strategy/implementation. She works with a wide variety of historically marginalized Denverites, including providing services to unhoused neighbors, at the Dumb Friends League. Rachel currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Denver Language School and has held previous Board of Director positions with the Junior League of Denver.

Shaneis Malouff (F)(C) - Chief of Staff, Metropolitan State University



Bio: Shaneis is renowned for her impactful leadership in healthcare equity legislation across seven states. With a BA in Allied Health from Metropolitan State University and an MS in Prosthetics & Orthotics from Loma Linda University, she is a board-certified provider excelling in healthcare and public policy. At Auraria Campus, Colorado's largest university, Malouff oversees Marketing, Communications, and Strategy. Malouff previously contributed significantly to Vail Health, enhancing healthcare access, and launching vital programs during the COVID-19 pandemic, including Eagle County's first SANE and FNE programs and a Community Health initiative offering free preventive visits and Medicaid enrollment. At the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, she established the Disease Control and Public Health Response Division's first Project Management Office, creating a strategic plan and dashboard system. Her work has influenced legislation beyond Colorado, including House Bill 23-1136 and similar laws in Illinois, New Mexico, Maryland, Minnesota, and Arkansas. Malouff's innovative and dedicated leadership makes her a standout candidate for recognition.

Kate Greeley (F)(C) - Program Director, Denver Metro Leadership Foundation



Bio: Kate has over 20 years' experience in education and professional development for youth and adults. She currently leads three of the Denver Metro Leadership Foundation programs, including the 50-year-old program Leadership Denver. She earned a Bachelor of Liberal Arts from Drake University in Des Moines, IA where she focused on broadcast journalism, and international studies. After graduation, she worked for CBS in Minneapolis, MN in their satellite division and the broadcast division for the Minnesota Twins. She also worked on two around the world voyages for Semester at Sea, a shipboard education program, focused on global comparative education. She transitioned to education in 1999 after completing a Masters of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Colorado at Denver as well as a degree in Educational Leadership. This degree would lead her to six years of teaching math in Northeast Denver, two years in Hawaii coaching math teachers for Edison Schools and being an assistant superintendent for a Charter School Network in Austin, TX. She returned to Denver to work for Denver Public Schools in 2008. Her roles have included principal at an alternative high school, assistant principal at two large urban high schools and a data specialist for both elementary and high school principals and Lead Turn around Consultant supporting district wide systems and structures. In all these roles she has worked to utilize innovative approaches to facilitate learning for students of all ages.

Clair Diones (F)(C) - Vice President of Marketing, Dental Lifeline Network



Bio: Clair leads the Marketing and Communications team at DLN where they set the vision to advance the organization's brand awareness and provide support for volunteer recruitment, patient outreach, and other initiatives across the organization. In the past 8 years she has dedicated work to help all vulnerable adults have access to lifechanging dental care. Having spent her entire career in nonprofits advocating for people in her community she has worked to raise awareness for causes such as financial literacy and educating the public on the signs and symptoms to identify a stroke. Clair received her undergraduate degree

at Indiana University majoring in Journalism and English and her MBA from University of Colorado-Denver. She has served on and chaired boards including Girls on the Run of the Rockies and American Marketing Association's nonprofit board.

MaryBeth Lawson (F)(C) - Vice President of Development, Denver Public Schools Foundation



Bio: MaryBeth has over a decade of experience helping folks accomplish their philanthropic goals while strengthening the support for and awareness of programs, mission and goals. Prior to joining the Denver Public Schools Foundation, MaryBeth supported the University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work as their Executive Director of Development and was part of several municipal teams and nonprofit organizations, including the American Red Cross.

Taylor Pries (F)(C) - Legal Clerk, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC



Bio: Taylor is a Political Science student at CU Denver and is passionate about social justice and women's rights. Taylor also collaborated with DU Law School and CU undergrad students providing resources to community members in need of representation. While Taylor is interested in social movements and it's an avid reader, she hopes to apply her knowledge, passion and education to make a difference in the community.

Maike Jones (F)(C) – Political Consultant



Bio: Maike Jones is a seasoned political strategist and fundraiser with expertise in campaign management and public service. She holds an MBA from Westminster College and a B.S. in Communications from the University of Utah. Throughout her career, Maike has held key leadership roles in both government and politics, including Executive Director of the Utah Republican Party and Director of Boards and Commissions in the Office of Utah Governor Jon Huntsman. She has also worked on several high-profile political campaigns. From 2011 to 2018, Maike and her family lived in São Paulo, Brazil, where she learned Portuguese and developed a profound appreciation for South American culture.

CURRENT BOARD

TERM END DATE

Rena Dulberg, (F)(C)	6-30-25
Kirsten Decker (F)(C)	6-30-25
Elena Mendoza (F)(H)	6-30-25
Flavia Zacula (F)(H)	6-30-25
Rachel Garcia (F)(H)	6-30-25
Monica Padilla (F)(H)	2-28-27
Te-Chin Eng (F)(AAPI)	2-28-27
Meghan Yen (F)(AAPI)	2-28-27