

MEMO – DENVER AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION

TO:	City Council
FROM:	Office of Boards & Commissions
DATE:	5/22/24
PURPOSE:	Appointment for Denver American Indian Commission
PROCESS:	City Council Confirmation

CURRENT BOARD STATUS

Staff Liaison: Alison Butler, HRCP

Scope of Board/Commission:

The Denver American Indian (DAAC) is tasked with advising the Agency for Human Rights & Community Partnerships Executive Director and the Mayor on issues and concerns that impact and are of importance to the American Indian community.

Appointment Process:

The Mayor appoints up to 21 members and City Council confirms appointments for a term of 3 years.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS / AGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appointment Candidates:

Nichole Foster (Two Spirit, Ute & Dine')



Bio: Nichole's background and experiences are very broad and detailed. Before they found themselves working for two separate Unions here in Denver, they worked a number of years for her tribe. Nichole worked with tribal membership through our recreation center and Human Resources department, with some of her most important work directing a youth shelter, where she worked with parents and youth to gain the tools needed to maintain their family units.

Later on, Nichole spent some years in college but found their calling after she finished trade school in Tulsa, OK. Nichole moved to Denver in 2016, where she trained and worked for the Boilermaker & Carpenter Locals. As Nichole continued to voice the struggles of her own people, she was also faced with experiencing many other negative encounters as a Queer Woman of Color. This detoured Nichole from continuing their journey as a trade worker. Nichole is excited to be able to join COJWJ and even more enthusiastic about helping create change in the building trades and advocate for the social issues BI POC queer women face in the trades.

Term: 06/1/2024 - 05/31/2027 or until a successor is duly appointed

CURRENT BOARD

Shannon Alcott, Co-Chair	7/11/24
• Lakewood, Dine and Lakota	
Donna Chrisjohn (2 nd term)	7/11/24
• Englewood, Wíjyaŋ/she/her(s), Sicangu Lakota and Dine	
Jonathan Nelson (2 nd term)	7/11/24
• Lone Tree	
Raven Payment, Co-Chair	7/11/24
• Castle Rock	
Carla Respects Nothing	7/11/25
• Denver	
Tallerita Tunney Rogers	7/11/25
• Denver	
Dallin Maybee	7/11/25
• Boulder	
Thomas Allen (2 nd Term)	12/31/26
• Denver	
Noelle Bailey	12/31/26
• Denver, she/her/elle/ella, Mescalero Apache	
Trennie Burch	12/31/26
• Denver, she/her, Southern Ute (enrolled), Ute Mountain Ute, Dine	
Cecelia Duncan Bull Bear	12/31/26
• Denver, Female from Medicine Root District	
Joshua Emerson (2 nd term)	12/31/26
• Denver	
Phillip Gover	12/31/26
• Denver	
Danielle SeeWalker (2 nd term)	12/31/26
• Denver, She/Her/Wíjyaŋ, Enrolled member/citizen of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	