

MEMORANDUM – DENVER AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMISSION

TO:	City Council
CC:	
FROM:	Esther Lee Leach
DATE:	4/23/2024
PURPOSE:	Appointments for Denver African American Commission
PROCESS:	City Council Confirmation
PROJECT:	N/A
NEXT STEPS:	City Council Confirmation

CURRENT BOARD STATUS

Staff Liaison: Yvonne Yu, HRCP

Scope of Board/Commission:

The Denver African-American Commission (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 African American community. DAAC serves as a bridge between the African American community and policy-makers and engage in responsible activism for the community.

- **Convener:** Forums, communities, community groups, panels, focus groups, inbound information
- **Communicator:** Via website, directory, flyers, urban spectrum, other city offices, indirect communication, outbound information
- **Advocate:** Talk to policy makers
- **Resource:** For mayor and city council

Appointment Process:

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

Mayor Mike Johnston has approved the appointments of Stephanie Laing and Elia Martin

Appointment Candidates:



Stephanie Laing (Female, African American)

Bio: Denver Sheriff Captain, (2024-Present), various positions held through DPD since 2014, Vice President of the Black Sheriff's Protective Association, Urban Leadership Foundation (2023), Department of Safety Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

Term: 05/15/2024 - 05/14/2027 or until a successor is duly appointed



Elia Martin (Female, African American)

Bio: Homeless Program Specialist, DOLA (2021-Present), Lead Career Coach, Eckerd Connects (2019-2021), Career Explorations and Development Regional Coordinator & Case Manager, DPS – Manual HS, (2014-2019), MDHI Board Member (Present), Urban Leadership Foundation (2023)

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CURRENT BOARD**Mayoral Appointments:**

	TERM END DATE
Genevieve Duran, Denver (F)(AA)	09-26-24
Monica Badgett, Denver (F)(AA)	09-26-24
Fatuma Emmad, Denver (F)(AA)	09-26-24
LaToya Petty, Aurora (F)(AA)	09-26-24
Tymesha Witkins, Denver (F)(AA)	09-26-24
Fatima Thibou, Denver (F)(AA)	09-26-24
Lolita Tabron, PhD, Denver (F)(AA)	09-26-24
H. Ray Keith, Aurora (M)(AA)	09-26-24
Karen Grissom, Greenwood Village (F) (AA)	09-25-25
Codie Egart, Denver (F)(AA)	09-25-25
Dr. Alexis Toussaint	02-28-27