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Mayoral Appointments and Reappointments to the National Western Center Authority Board of Directors

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The National Western Center Authority Board was formed by Framework Agreement By and Among the City of Denver, Colorado State University and the Western Stock Show Association and approved by Denver City Council in 2017.

The National Western Center Authority Board will provide oversight of the buildout, operations and programming of the year-round National Western Center campus for agricultural education, innovation and entertainment. The Authority will be incorporated by the City and County of Denver as a Colorado nonprofit corporation to program, operate and maintain the campus.

Resolution Request

Approves the following Mayoral appointments and reappointment to the National Western Center Authority Board of Directors--

- Reappointment of Kelly Leid, Commerce City (M)(C) for a term expiring December 31, 2024;
- Appointment of Ernest House, Jr., Aurora (M)(NA) for a term expiring December 31, 2024;
- Appointment of Gabriela Acevedo, Denver (F)(H) to serve as a non-voting neighborhood resident for a term expiring December 31, 2024.

The Authority's Board of Directors shall consist of 13 members --

The Mayor shall appoint seven (7) voting directors -

- One (1) voting director shall serve as the Chairperson of the Authority Board;
- The Mayor also shall appoint
 - one (1) voting director and one (1) non-voting director who must reside in the Globeville, Elyria, or Swansea neighborhood and demonstrate a strong commitment to, and understanding of the economic, cultural, educational, and social circumstances of residents and businesses of the surrounding Globeville, Elyria, and Swansea neighborhoods;
 - Appointments shall be subject to confirmation by City Council;
- Colorado State University shall appoint two (2) voting directors;
- Western Stock Show Assn. shall appoint two (2) voting directors.

- City's Chief Financial Officer, or his/her designee, shall serve as an ex officio non-voting director and shall serve in the capacity of Treasurer to the Board;
- Voting directors shall have the following qualifications:
 - a. be a natural person, eighteen (18) years old or older;
 - b. demonstrate a commitment to the vision for, and the continued viability, of the Campus;
 - c. have expertise in planning, design, construction, programming, marketing, financing, fundraising, or have other relevant experience, based on the operations of the Authority and Board composition at the time of appointment;
 - d. demonstrate integrity, passion, innovative ability, patience, and ability to collaborate; and
 - e. may not be an elected official and may not be a current officer or employee of the City.



Current Board Members

Robb Brown, Denver (M)(AA) expertise in marketing, retail and finance;

Lucia Guzman, Denver (F)(H) expertise in the vision of the campus and government;

Steven McCarthy, Louisville, (M)(C) expertise in programming, large events and brings an international perspective;

John Zapien, Denver (M)(H) serves as resident of neighborhood resident and as a voting member;

John Ikard, Littleton (M)(C) serves as Chair and has expertise in business and finance;

Pat Grant appointed by Western Stock Show Association;

Brandan Hanlon, Denver chief financial officer, ex-officio, non-voting, treasurer

Amy Parsons, appointed by Colorado State University;

Tony Frank, appointed by Colorado State University;

Paul Andrews, appointed by Western Stock Show Association.



Requested Appointments/Reappointments

Kelly Leid, Commerce City, (M)(C) expertise in the vision of the campus, business, construction, development and education and historical perspective;

Ernest House, Jr. Aurora (M)(NA) expertise in experience in non profits and community;

Gabriela Acevedo, Denver (F)(H) serves as resident of neighborhood and as a non-voting member.