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NATIONAL WESTERN CENTER **PROPOSED FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**





WHAT IS THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT?

- The Framework Agreement is the binding agreement that governs the funding, construction, operations, maintenance and programming of the National Western Center among the City, Colorado State University (CSU), the Western Stock Show Association (WSSA), and the National Western Center Authority (NWC Authority).
- Term is 50 years, plus two twenty-five (25) year extensions
- Created the requirements for the NWC Authority in order for the NWC Authority to be the governance structure for the programming, operations, and maintenance of the National Western Center.
- Provides for the contributions of the parties to the funding of the campus
- Included the Master Lease with the NWC Authority and other documents outlining the relationships between and among the parties



WHAT IS THE NWC AUTHORITY?

- Framework Agreement set parameters for the NWC Authority, including its Board of Directors
- NWC Authority was created as a Colorado non-profit in 2018 to operate, maintain, and program the National Western Center
- NWC Authority has a 13-member board of directors to provide guidance and oversight to staff of NWC Authority



CURRENT NWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Board of Directors consists of 13 members: 11 voting and 2 non-voting
- Mayor has 6 appointments (confirmed by City Council)
- CSU has 2 appointments
- WSSA has 2 appointments
- Mayor appoints 2 community members, one voting and one non-voting (confirmed by City Council)
- City's Chief Financial Officer is ex officio non-voting director



CURRENT REQUIREMENTS FOR NWC COMMUNITY DIRECTORS

- Mayor appoints and City Council confirms one voting director and one non-voting director from the Globevill, Elyria, Swansea (GES) neighborhoods
- GES Directors must be 18 years or older and reside in the GES neighborhoods
- GES Directors must demonstrate a strong commitment to, and understanding of, the economic, cultural, educational, and social circumstances of residents and businesses of the surrounding GES neighborhoods
- GES Directors are subject to confirmation by the City Council, like other mayoral appointments to this Board

PROPOSED REQ'S FOR NWC BOARD COMMUNITY DIRECTORS

- Community has requested that both GES Directors be made voting seats
- NWC Authority Board of Directors requested that City, CSU, and WSSA consent to change to Framework Agreement to enable the change to make both GES Directors voting directors
- NWC Authority, CSU, and WSSA governing boards have consented and have signed the proposed amendment to the Framework Agreement
- This change results in an even number of voting seats on the NWC Authority Board of Directors
- A tie vote will be broken by giving the weight of two votes to the City's "designated director," which already exists in the Framework Agreement
 - CSU, WSSA, and the City each may have a "designated director" who is not subject to the term limits in the Framework Agreement. The Mayor designates the "designated director from the City's appointments.



PROPOSED COUNCIL ACTION

BR23-0260

Amends the Framework Agreement with Colorado State University, the Western Stock Show Association, and the National Western Center Authority to modify the composition and voting of the National Western Center Authority Board by changing one non-voting board member from the Globeville-Elyria-Swansea community to a voting board member. No change to agreement duration (PWADM-201736726/ DOTI-202366890).







CURRENT MEMBERS NATIONAL WESTERN CENTER AUTHORITY BOARD

John Ikard

Steve McCarthy

Paul Andrews

Robb Brown

Margaret Danuser

Tony Frank

Diedra Garcia

Ernest House, Jr.

Doug Jones

Kelly Leid

Bill Mosher

Sandra Ruiz Parilla

Vacant