

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS CANDIDATES MEMORANDUM

Denver Urban Renewal Authority

To	Denver City Council
From	Mayor's Office of Boards & Commissions
Date	3/31/2026

BOARD PURPOSE

13-member Board of Commissioners to support and advocate for DURA and its mission.

REAPPOINTMENT CANDIDATE PROFILES

Term Dates: 4/1/2026 – 3/31/2031



Bio:

As a proud Denver native, Kendra has dedicated much of her career to helping communities thrive in Denver, the region and state. She served on the Denver City Council for eight years, advocating for her constituents and ensuring they have a voice. She worked with residents, neighborhood groups, school leaders, students and families, and southeast Denver nonprofits, religious organizations, and businesses. Her collaborative efforts have improved mobility options, stewarded land use planning, improved parks and trails, increased public art, and more.

Kendra Black

Retired

Kendra has served on multiple boards and committees over the years including chairing the city's State Legislative Policy Group, Scientific Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), Regional Air Quality Council, Transportation Solutions, Denver Park Trust, High Line Conservancy, Near Southeast Area Plan, DPS Bond Oversight Committees, and many more. She has a strong history of civic engagement and leading good governance efforts.

Reappointment? Yes

Term Number: 2

For New Appointments:

Filling an Open Seat?

Replacing an Expiring Seat:

Appointment Process for Seat:

Mayoral Appointment, Council Confirmation

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Ron Tilton
Retired

Bio:

Ron Tilton served as the president of FirstBank, retiring after a nearly 36-year career with the institution. Tilton was responsible for managing larger commercial real estate relationships and was responsible for facilitating complex financing projects and client relationships with Wynkoop Brewing (1992), the Denver Dry (1993), The Palace Lofts (1996), the Denver Pavilions (2008), Union Station (2012) and Maryland Creek Ranch (2016). Tilton managed a team that included the president of credit, the president of mortgage & consumer lending, the president of business banking and three regional presidents who oversaw markets in Colorado, Arizona and California.

Tilton serves as a member and commissioner of the MSU Denver Foundation Board and is committed to investing back into the community through previous service on the Metro Denver Economic Corporation Board, the Colorado Hall of Fame Selection Committee and the Colorado State Banking Board.

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BOARD COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS

DURA is governed by a 13-member board of commissioners, 11 of whom are appointed by the Mayor of Denver and confirmed by City Council for staggered 5-year terms. The remaining two commissioners are one elected board member with Denver Public Schools and one board member of a special district that levies a property tax within Denver.