

MEMORANDUM – LGBTQ COMMISSION

TO:	City Council
FROM:	Office of Boards & Commissions
DATE:	5/10/24
PURPOSE:	Re-Appointments for LGBTQ Commission
PROCESS:	City Council Confirmation

Staff Liaison:

Dr. Aisha Rousseau (HRCP)

CURRENT BOARD STATUS

Scope of Board/Commission: PARTNERS WITH THE COMMUNITY TO ADVANCE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL EQUITY FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUEER PEOPLE USING ITS UNIQUE POSITION WITHIN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER.

Appointment Process: Mayor appoints all members and City Council confirms, up to 21 members for a term of 3 years.

Mayor Mike Johnston has approved the below reappointments

Re-Appointment Candidates:



Autumn Wright (she/her) (Female)(Caucasian) is a 9th Grade English Teacher, and taught middle school English for 5 years before this role. She sees herself as an advocate for LGBTQ+ youth in her schools, having co-led her school’s GSA Club, run a book study discussing LGBTQ+ books, and worked with building leadership to design professional development for teachers surrounding supporting LGBTQ+ students. She aspires to move into leadership positions that bring more awareness and acceptance among teachers and students in schools. She spends her free time outdoors - running, skiing, hiking, and cycling.

Term: 06/01/2024 - 05/31/2027 or until a successor is duly appointed.



Elizabeth (Lizz) Mueller (she/they) (Gender Non-conforming) (Caucasian) manages community outreach campaigns for local, progressive, political candidates, has their own Reiki healing private practice, and is also a part-time nanny. They are very passionate about making a positive impact in their community and helping shape future generations to be the best they can be. Lizz has both a Masters in Public Health and a Masters in Social Work and believes strongly in the power of grassroots community efforts. She was once a Community Health volunteer in the Peace Corps and knows first-hand that community transformation happens when its people have ownership and a say in how their community is run. Lizz brings an empowerment-informed lens to all the work they do and strives to help people see the best in themselves, so they can make their best contributions to this world. Finally, she is an avid concert-goer who loves live music, tasty food, hiking, and spending quality time with friends and family.

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Rex Fuller (Male)(Caucasian) (he/him)

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Source: Current Board Member, is the CEO of The Center on Colfax, Denver's LGBTQ community center. Rex has worked at The Center since 2013. He served as Vice President of Communications and Strategic Partnerships where he worked on producing Denver PrideFest, the largest celebration of LGBTQ pride in the Rocky Mountain West. Before joining the Center, he served in key roles at various performing arts organizations, including Opera Colorado, the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Central City Opera and the Boulder Philharmonic. An LGBTQ activist, Fuller was an active member of ACT UP (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power) in the 1980s and was an early organizer of Denver PrideFest in the early 1990s. He currently volunteers with the distribution team at Project Angel

Heart.

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Eric Smith (he/him) (Male) (Two or More Races) works in real estate and property management and currently manages Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) properties throughout the Denver metro area. Eric is an LGBTQ advocate as well as local transportation advocate as he currently sits on RTD's Citizen's Advisory Commission (CAC) District A, which is a 17-member committee that advises the agency on RTD's strategies, initiatives and transportation programs and keeps the region's citizens informed of RTD programs and initiatives and encourages input from local communities. Currently, Eric stays busy by finishing up a double major at Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU), and traveling cross country to try the best roller coasters and dinner buffets around.

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Martha Lewis (she/her) (F)(Caucasian)

leads several Financial Crimes Risk Management teams at Charles Schwab Corporation, where she has been employed since 2017. Martha joined the LGBTQ+ Commission in 2022 and previously was a board member of Upward Roots, Inc., a non-profit which creates programs to empower youth to be leaders through youth-led, youth-driven community service. Additionally, she has volunteered her time with the National Center of Lesbian Rights and currently is on the Advisory Board for Peak 9 Confidence, which teaches girls to become powerful, confident women through sport. Martha lives in Denver with her wife, Elaine "EY" Youngs, their dog Honour, and enjoys everything Colorado has to offer from fly fishing to downhill skiing to renovating an old airstream off-the-grid in Ouray County.

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Kyle Rojas Legleiter (male) (Caucasian) (he/him) serves on the executive committee of Denver's LGBTQ Commission. Kyle was born and raised in Colorado and brings decades of experience as a public health professional working in government and community-based organizations to the Commission. He currently works at the Colorado Health Foundation as their Senior Director of Policy Advocacy.

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