

MEMORANDUM – DENVER HEALTH & HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

TO:	City Council
FROM:	Mayor's Office of Boards & Commissions
DATE:	05/07/2025
PURPOSE:	Reappointments Denver Health & Hospital Authority

Staff Liaison:

Donna Lynne, CEO Denver Health

CURRENT BOARD STATUS

Scope of Board/Commission: Board members direct Denver Health's activities, which includes financial management; education and quality assurance; and, personnel and compensation.

Appointment Process: Denver Health's eleven-member Board of Directors are appointed by the Mayor of Denver and then confirmed by City Council. Board members serve five-year terms.

Reappointment Candidates:

Term: 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2030 or until a successor is duly appointed

Richard James 'Jim' Chavez, Executive Director, CCD Foundation & Governmental Affairs, Community College of Denver



BIO: Jim is a visionary and strategic leader who has dedicated much of his professional life to working for education-related causes, providing and fostering opportunities for youth to pursue higher levels of education. From 2004 to 2022, Jim served as the Executive Director of the Latin American Educational Foundation, a Colorado nonprofit providing college assistance and guidance to Colorado's Latino students and their families, including direct scholarship support.

Jim was deeply and intimately involved with like-minded organizations to successfully establish and pass the ASSET legislation benefiting Colorado's undocumented student population. And more recently, he worked together with Denver officials, and business and political leaders to successfully pass the legislation creating the

Prosperity Denver Fund.

Jim is currently a Colorado Commissioner for the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education. He is also a current board member of the Denver Health and Hospital Authority. Over his career, Jim has served on the Board of Directors for many other organizations, including the University of Northern Colorado, Denver Housing Authority, Iliff School of Theology, the Colorado Non-Profit Association, Clayton Early Learning Center, and Rocky Mountain Public Broadcasting Corporation.

Jim was instrumental in creating Colorado's first prepaid college tuition program, Collegenest, and then worked across the country to develop and implement numerous state college savings programs. He began his career as a certified public accountant with Ernst & Young. He is a graduate of Colorado State University.

Thomas Kim, Managing Director, r2 Advisors



BIO: Since 1988, Tom has worked in the turnaround or insolvency industry. He has been involved with troubled companies as a bankruptcy lawyer, business analyst and as a turnaround practitioner. Prior to founding r² advisors llc, Tom was an originator and asset manager with Republic Financial Corporation, a private investment company based in Denver, where he recovered troubled loans and performed valuations of distressed companies from an investor's perspective. Prior to Republic, Tom was an attorney with LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, LLP, where he practiced bankruptcy and corporate law.

Tom holds a Bachelor of Science in economics from the University of Utah and a J.D. and MBA from the School of Law and the School of Business Administration at Santa Clara University. Mr. Kim served as global President, Chairman, Immediate Past Chairman, VP of Finance and VP of Membership for the Turnaround Management Association. He has also served as a member of TMA's Executive Committee and Chair of TMA's Chapter Resource and Response Council. Tom joined Colorado Concern in 2017 to pursue his passion for

making Colorado a business friendly environment. Tom currently sits on the board of directors for Denver Health, Adams State University and the Colorado State Fair.

Hollie Velasquez-Horvath, Regional Vice President, State Affairs & Community Relations



BIO: Hollie Velasquez Horvath became Regional Vice President of State Affairs and Community Relations for Xcel Energy-Colorado in 2021. Prior to her current position she held the position of Senior Director of State Affairs and Community Relations, Director of Community Affairs and Senior Manager of Civic and Political Engagement. She's been with Xcel Energy since 2011. Before coming to Xcel Energy, Hollie held several roles in the political and non-profit arena, including co-ownership of a public affairs firm. Her former client list included the City of Denver, top tier non-profits and Colorado state and federal politicians. In her current role as Regional VP, she leads a team of directors, managers, analysts, and lobbyists who are responsible for managing the state, city, and county political, business and community relationships to achieve Xcel's business objectives. Her team also manages the local economic

development efforts, the Colorado wholesale market strategy and overall Colorado operating company strategy. She also leads the philanthropic arm of the company to support Colorado communities and customers with foundation grants, employee volunteerism and corporate sponsorships. Hollie currently holds several leadership roles in the community by serving on non-profit and economic boards. She currently sits on the boards of Denver Health Authority, Downtown Denver Partnership Inc, Visit Denver, Aurora Economic Development Corporation, and the Latino Community Foundation of Colorado.

Elias Provencio-Vasquez, Dean & Professor, College of Nursing, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus



BIO: Over the past 40 years Dr. Provencio-Vasquez has been a clinician, educator, administrator, and researcher. Dr. Provencio-Vasquez is well known nationally and internationally for his work with “**at risk women**” and their families. He is an experienced neonatal and pediatric nurse practitioner. His background and expertise is primary care and developmental assessments of HIV and drug exposed infants, children and adolescents. Dr. Provencio-Vasquez is a pioneer in creating innovative nursing approaches (home intervention) for mothers with substance use disorders and their children. He has published and presented in numerous nursing, community and interdisciplinary forums, nationally and internationally. He was the principal investigator on several funded research projects; Packaging Project SEPA: A Proven HIV Behavioral Intervention for Use with Latinas at Highest Risk of Acquiring HIV (CDC); Project VIDA (Miami): Violence, Intimate Relationships, and Drugs among Latinos (NIH) and Project VIDA II (El Paso): Violence, Intimate Relationships, and Drugs among Latinas/os (NIH). Dr. Provencio-Vasquez was principal investigator of the Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center funded by at the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIH) and for the **STaR** Program funded by the US Department of Labor.

CURRENT BOARD	TERM END DATE
Richard James “Jim” Chavez	06-30-25
Thomas Kim	06-30-25
Hollie Velasquez-Horvath	06-30-25
Elias Provencio-Vasquez	06-30-25
Patricia Dean	06-30-26
Patti Klinge,	06-30-27
Frank DeGruy	06-30-27
Doug Friednash	06-30-27
Kathy Nesbitt	06-30-27
Lilia Cervantes	06-30-27
Chris Watney	8-11-29