DENVER
MAYOR'S OFFICE

MEMORANDUM – WOMEN'S COMMISSION

TO:	**City Council**
CC:	
FROM:	**Esther Lee Leach**
DATE:	**2/26/2024**
PURPOSE:	**Appointments for Women's Commission**
PROCESS:	**City Council Confirmation**
PROJECT:	**N/A**
NEXT STEPS:	**City Council Confirmation**

BOARD/COMMISSION:
Women's Commission **STAFF:** Lisana Munoz, HRCP

CURRENT BOARD STATUS: 7 APPOINTMENTS

The Denver Women's Commission is dedicated to the women of Denver and their families so that they have the opportunities to live full, productive, authentic lives. The Commission promotes the social and economic quality of life in Denver by assisting women in the attainment of equality and full opportunity by

- Advocating for women, especially in spaces where women are overlooked and underappreciated
- Empowering women through coalition building, sharing information, and distributing community resources
- Monitoring and recommending legislation and proposed policy changes affecting women

Mayor appoints all Commissioners and City Council confirms, 7 – 21 Commissioners for a term of 3 years.

Mayor Mike Johnston has approved the appointments of Diedra Garcia, Te-cHin (Cara) Eng, Stephanie Olivas, Monica Padilla, Mehgan Yen, Stacey Pottish, and Kaitlin Thibou.

APPOINTMENT CANDIDATES:

Diedra Garcia: (Female)(Hispanic), Supplier Diversity Program Manager, PCL Construction, for a term 03/01/2024 - 02/28/2027 or until a successor is duly appointed.

Te-Chin (Cara) Eng: (Female)(Asian), Chief Operations & Finance Officer, Rocky Mountain Prep, for a term 03/01/2024 - 02/28/2027 or until a successor is duly appointed.

Stephanie Olivas: (Female) (Hispanic), Project Manager – Strategy, Denver Public School, for a term 03/01/2024 - 02/28/2027 or until a successor is duly appointed.

Monica Padilla: (Female)(Hispanic), Trauma Informed Practices Specialist/Trainer, Denver Public Schools, for a term 03/01/2024 - 02/28/2027 or until a successor is duly appointed.

Mehgan Yen: (Female)(Asian), Co-Founder & Chief Operating Officer, Asian Girls Ignite, for a term 03/01/2024 - 02/28/2027 or until a successor is duly appointed.

Stacey Pottish: (Female)(Caucasian), Program Manager, Jewish Family Service of Colorado, for a term 03/01/2024 - 02/28/2027 or until a successor is duly appointed.

Kaitlin ThibouL (Female)(Caucasian), - for a term 03/01/2024 - 02/28/2027 or until a successor is duly appointed.

CURRENT BOARD

Olivia Almaguer (Female, Hispanic)	06-30-24
Demetria "Eejipt" Burgess (Female, African American)	06-30-24
Elena Mendoza, Denver (Female, Hispanic)	06-30-25
Rena Dulberg, Denver, (Female, Caucasian)	06-30-25
Kirsten Decker, Denver (Female, Caucasian)	06-30-25
Rachel Garcia, Denver (Female, Hispanic)	06-30-25
Stacey Shigaya, Denver (Female, Asian)	06-30-24
Sara Hazel, Denver (Female, Caucasian)	06-30-25
Iris Halpern, Denver (Female, Caucasian)	06-30-25
Flavia Zarcula, Denver (Female, Caucasian)	06-30-25