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MEMORANDUM – IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE COMMISSION

TO:	**City Council**
FROM:	**Office of Boards & Commissions**
DATE:	**5/10/2024**
PURPOSE:	**Appointments for Immigrant & Refugee Commission**
PROCESS:	**City Council Confirmation**

CURRENT BOARD STATUS
Staff Liaison: Tsigereda Feseha, HRCP Community Integration Coordinator

Scope of Board/Commission:
The Denver Immigrant and Refugee Commission (DIRC) advocates for the immigrant and refugee communities of the City of Denver. They connect communities with allies, stakeholders and resources in Denver; providing valuable community context and input to policy makers. The Commission engages communities in an integrative and meaningful way, providing education by raising awareness about resources that will make their integration into the Denver community easier. The role of the commission is to develop collaboration and partnership between Denver's immigrant and refugee communities and the City & County of Denver.

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

Mayor Mike Johnston has approved the below appointment

Appointment Candidates

Rosine Bouobda (Female, African American)
Bio: Enterprise Community Partners (2022-Present), Housing Program Manager, City of Boulder (2021-2022), Del Norte Neighborhood Development Corp (202-2021), Northeast Denver Housing Center (2016-2020), Housing Strategist: Spearheaded efforts to stabilize BIPOC households in the Metro Denver area, significantly enhancing access to rental assistance and removing barriers to support vulnerable communities. Operational Management: Implemented comprehensive overhaul of rental application process, resulting in an exponential increase in rental assistance distribution
Term: 06/1/2024 - 05/31/2027 or until a successor is duly appointed

Tyler Jensen (Male, Caucasian)
Bio: DPS Assistant Principal/Interim Principal/Dean of Culture, McAuliffe Manual (Oct 2018-Present), Teacher, Valencia Carabobo, Venezuela (2018), Teacher, DSST Cole (2013-2018), Teacher, Minneapolis Public Schools (2011-2013) Future Principal at Kepner Beacon MS (SY 24-25)
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Theresa Vogel (Female, Caucasian)
Bio: Special Counsel & Member Hall & Evans LLC (2018-Present), Adjunct Professor at DU (2017-2018), Partner, Stern & Curray LLC (2013-2017), Special Counsel Hall & Evans (2009-2013), Attorney Fowler, Schimberg & Flanagan (2007-2008) Theresa has a diverse practice that includes immigration and appellate litigation. She represents businesses and individuals in immigration proceedings with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services including employment- and family-based immigration as well as asylum matters. She has been an Adjunct Professor with the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, teaching the course, Immigration Law & the Workplace, and co-teaching the Civil Litigation Clinic which included supervising law students in their work on immigration and civil protection order matters. Previously, she was a Research Assistant at the Jagiellonian University Human Rights Center where I taught courses on human rights and refugee law and implemented projects funded by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
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CURRENT BOARD	**TERM END DATE**
Marianna del Hierro (Female, Native American)	04-24
Wafa Saeed, Denver (Female, African American)	04-25
Conor Gleason, Denver (Male, Caucasian)	04-25
Deena Duwaik, Denver (Female, Palestinian)	04-25
Ola Kukoyi, Aurora (Female, African American)	04-26
Tony Lemus Littleton (Male, Two or more races)	04-26
M. Karimme Quintan (Female, Hispanic)	04-26
Deborah Yi (Female, Asian)	04-26