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Mayoral Reappointment to the Denver Health and Hospital Authority Board of Directors

September 1, 2021

- Denver Health and Hospital Authority (DHHA) was established in state statute to operate the former Denver General Hospital, previously operated under the City's then-Department of Health & Hospitals (Colorado Revised Statutes § 25-29-103)
 - DHHA established as an independent entity/political subdivision of the State “which shall not be subject to administrative direction or control by any department, commission, board, bureau, or agency of state or local government”
 - 11-member board created to be “responsible for the operation of the health system”
 - Board directs Denver Health's activities including:
 - Financial management
 - Education and quality assurance
 - Personnel and compensation
 - Board is subject to State open meetings law

Appointment of Members

- Per statute, DHHA Board members are appointed by the Mayor and must be confirmed by City Council
- Members serve 5-year terms and may not serve more than two consecutive full terms
- Members receive no compensation for their Board service

Current Board Members

- Patricia Dean, Denver (F)(C)(CD6) *
- Dr. John Reilly, Denver (M)(C) (CD6)
- Kevin Quinn, Greenwood Village (M)(C)
- Patti Klinge, Denver (F)(C)(CD9)
- Anne Warhover, Denver (F)(C) (CD10)
- Dr. Irene Aguilar, Denver (F)(H) (CD2)
- Fernando Carreira, Denver (M)(H)(CD6)
- Richard James “Jim” Chavez (M)(H)

* = seeking reappointment,

Current Board Members

- Hollie Velasquez-Horvath, Denver (F)(H)(CD5)
- Elias Provencio-Vasquez, Denver (M)(H)(CD9)

- With over 20 years of litigation experience in the medical arena, she has knowledge of a wide range of issues, including healthcare transactions, regulatory matters, practice formation, government investigations, medical ethics, and physician integration.
- Is immersed in efforts at both the federal and state levels to reform healthcare and address its rising costs.
- Has extensive knowledge of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, health benefit exchanges, accountable care organizations, Medicare/Medicaid reforms, and new payment models.
- She is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association, Healthcare Financial Management Assn., Health Care Compliance Assn, and the American and Colorado Bar Associations.

- 21-0985: Approves the Mayoral reappointment of Patricia Dean to the Denver Health and Hospital Authority board of directors for a term effective immediately and expiring 6-30-26, or until a successor is duly appointed.