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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Economic Development

ACM: Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager

DATE: May 06, 2025

SUBJECT

Consider nominations to the City's Economic Development Partnership Board.

BACKGROUND

This item is to consider the annual appointments to the Economic Development Partnership Board (EDPB). The ordinance establishing the EDPB requires that the City Council appoint three (3) people to serve as a Nominating Committee. The Committee is made up of two (2) City Council Members and one (1) member of the Chamber of Commerce. At the February 18, 2025, City Council meeting, the City Council appointed the 2024-2025 Nominating Committee. The City Council representatives were Council Member Jill Jester and Council Member Paul Meltzer. The Chamber of Commerce representative was Marty Rivers.

EDPB members serve two-year terms and may serve as many as three terms. The ordinance requires that the members fall into specific categories when they are appointed to the Board (see table below). The UNT and TWU representatives have no limitations on their terms but must be reappointed by City Council as needed. The City Manager, the President of the Chamber of Commerce, and the DISD Superintendent serve as ex-officio members and have no defined terms of service.

Current EDPB Board Members

Member	Seat	Current Term	Term Number	Eligible
Paul Meltzer	City Council	2024-2026	2	N/A
Gerard Hudspeth	City Council	2023-2025	3	N/A
Lee Ramsey	Denton Chamber Board of Directors	2022-2024	2	Y
Jeremy Fykes	Denton Chamber Board of Directors	2023-2025	1	N/A
Steve Edgar	Top 20 Taxpayer	2022-2024	3	N
Brian Danhof	Top 20 Taxpayer	2023-2025	1	N/A
Jason Tomlinson	TWU President/Chancellor /Designee	2022-2024	N/A	Y
Aaron Roberts	UNT President/Designee	2023-2025	N/A	Y
Vacant	Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	2020-2022	3	Y
Kerry Goree	Denton Black Chamber of Commerce	2023-2025	2	N/A
Rick Woolfolk	Aviation	2023-2025	1	N/A
Tony Clark	At-Large	2022-2024	3	N
Erin Carney	Denton Chamber President	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sara Hensley	City Manager	N/A	N/A	N/A
Susannah O'Bara	DISD Superintendent	N/A	N/A	N/A

Two positions on the EDPB are eligible for reappointment and three are ineligible for reappointment. Lee Ramsey, Chamber Board of Directors, and Jason Tomlinson, TWU Representative are eligible for reappointment. Lee Ramsey has completed his second term on the Economic Development Partnership Board and is eligible for reappointment to serve one more term. Jason Tomlinson is not restricted to three terms as the TWU representative but must still be reappointed each term.

Steve Edgar, Top 20 Taxpayer, and Tony Clark, At-Large, have completed their third consecutive term making them ineligible for reappointment. Jimmy Mejia, the Denton Hispanic Chamber of Commerce representative, completed his third consecutive term in FY 2022 and served in hold-over status until August 2024, the seat has remained vacant since.

The Nominating Committee met and reviewed the list of seats up for nomination/appointment (as indicated above). The Committee has confirmed the willingness to serve of each of the nominees and offers the following slate of nominees to the City Council:

New Appointments

- **Ron Crockett, Top 20 Taxpayer**
 - This would be Mr. Crockett's first term.
- **Jeremy Fykes, At-large**
 - This would be Mr. Fyke's second term.
- **Leo Morales, Hispanic Business Representative, BCI Mechanical**
 - This would be Mr. Morales' first term.
- **Aimee Bissett, Denton Chamber of Commerce Board of Representatives**
 - This would be Ms. Bissett's first term.

Reappointments

- **Lee Ramsey, Denton Chamber Board of Directors**
 - This would be Mr. Ramsey's 3rd term.
- **Jason Tomlinson, TWU President/Chancellor/Designee**
 - This position is not restricted to three terms.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

February 18, 2025 – Council selected the EDPB Nominating Committee.

March 26, 2025 – Nominating Committee met to propose appointments to the Economic Development Partnership Board.

April 4, 7, 11, 2025 – Nominating Committee met with candidates for the Top 20 Taxpayer seat to interview and determine qualifications.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – EDP Board Ordinance (No. 2022-1672)

Exhibit 3 – Nominating Letter

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Sotelo
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