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TO: The Honorable City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: August 7, 2023

RE: **CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSION**

The Legislative Policy Division (“LPD”) has been requested to update its report listing City Council’s board and commission appointments. There are numerous boards, committees, commissions, corporations or authorities to which your Honorable Body makes appointments or plays a role in the selection of its members. Appointments are official once they are voted upon by the City Council and sworn into office by the City Clerk.

Please advise if you require additional information.

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Auditor General

Your Honorable Body makes the appointment for the a 10-year term.

<u>Council Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Laura Goodspeed	April 3, 2033

Belle Isle Advisory Committee

Your Honorable Body makes one (1) appointment to this seven (7) member body.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Sommer Woods	Undefined

Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board of Zoning Appeals is a seven (7)-member board appointed by the City Council. Members must be residents and not members of any other City agency, board, department or commission. Additionally, the seven (7) members shall come from each of the non-at large districts. Its members are appointed for three (3) year, staggered terms and may only be removed for cause:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>	<u>District</u>
Robert Weed	December 31, 2024	District 1
Kimberly Knott	December 31, 2025	District 2
Elois Moore	December 31, 2024	District 3
Jerry Watson	December 31, 2023	District 4
Robert Thomas	December 31, 2024	District 5
Debra Walker	December 31, 2024	District 6
Anthony Sherman	December 31, 2023	District 7

Board of Zoning Appeals Director

City Council makes an appointment for a 6-year term.

<u>Council Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
James Ribbron	July 31, 2024

Board of Trustees General Retirement System

Contact Person: Gail Oxedine 313-224-3362 ext 203

The City Council appoints one of its members to this Board for a one (1) year term ending December 31st of each year.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Hon. Mary Sheffield	December 31, 2025

Board of Trustees Police and Fire Retirement System

Contact Person: Kelly Tapper ktapper@rscd.org

The City Council appoints one of its members to this Board for a one (1) year term ending December 31st of each year.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Hon. Coleman Young, II	December 31, 2025

Board of Review (Property Tax)

The City Council may sit as a board of review or it may appoint one. When appointed, there are nine (9) members, each appointed on the odd year for a two-year period. There must be a least one representative from each of the seven at-large City Council districts. It has been City Council’s practice for each member to designate one board member for appointment by the full Council. Members must be residents and not members of any other City agency, board, department or commission.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>	<u>District</u>
Jacqueline Robinson	December 31, 2024	District 1
Marcus Twyman	December 31, 2024	District 2
Donielle January	December 31, 2024	District 3

Board of Review (Property Tax) cont.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>	<u>District</u>
Teresa Dubose	December 31, 2024	District 4
Maria Muhammad	December 31, 2024	District 5
Rocio Ocampo	December 31, 2024	District 6
Lewis Moore	December 31, 2024	District 7
La'Toshia Patman	December 31, 2024	at-large
Geraldine Chatman	December 31, 2024	at-large

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority - Community Advisory Committee

This is a nine (9)-member body with four (4) members appointed by the Mayor and four (4) members appointed by the City Council. The eight (8) appointees choose the ninth member. All members must be residents of the City.

<u>Council Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Ponce Clay	June 30, 2024
George Etheridge	June 30, 2024
Jeff Evans	June 30, 2024
Marlowshawn Franklin	June 30, 2024

City Planning Commission

The City Planning Commission is a nine (9) member advisory body to the City Council. Seven (7) of the members must come from each of the seven (7) non at-large districts. Commissioners must be residents of the City and as far as possible, represent different professions and occupations. Its members serve three (3) year staggered terms.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>	<u>District</u>
Fredrick E. Russell Jr.	February 14, 2024	District 1
Donovan Smith	February 14, 2023	District 2
Kenneth R. Daniels	February 14, 2024	District 3

City Planning Commission cont.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>	<u>District</u>
Ritchie Harrison	February 14, 2026	District 4
Melanie Markowicz	February 14, 2025	District 5
David Esparza	February 14, 2026	District 6
Gwendolyn Lewis	February 14, 2024	District 7
Lauren Hood	February 14, 2025	At-large
Rachel Udabe	February 14, 2025	At-large

Citizens Review Committee

The Citizens Review Committee is an eleven (11)-member committee appointed by the City Council upon recommendation of the City Planning Commission. Each member serves a three (3) year term. This Committee has not met in many years.

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
All seats vacant	

Civil Service Commission

The Civil Service Commission is a five (5)-member body. Commissioners must be residents of the City and may not hold any other public office or public employment except notary public. Two (2) members are appointed by the City Council for a two (2) year term that begins on February 15th of each odd-numbered year. The Mayor and City Council shall jointly appoint one (1) member to a three (3) year term beginning February 15th after the expiration of the preceding term. Commissioners may only be removed for cause.

<u>Council Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Edna Bell	February 15, 2023
Brenda Braceful	February 15, 2023
Dana Williams (joint)	February 15, 2022

Continuum of Care

Contact Person: Kelly Tapper ktapper@rscd.org

The Continuum of Care is a planning process implemented by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide a coordinated, collaborative, and community-driven approach to allocating resources to communities to address the needs of people who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless.

<u>Council Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Hon. Mary Sheffield	December 31, 2021

Detroit Building Authority

This is a five (5) member board of commissioners of five (5). City Council appoints two (2) members, the Mayor appoints two (2) members (one whom shall be approved by City Council and the Mayor shall is also a member. All members of the commission shall be registered electors of the city. The terms of the commissioners shall be four (4) years,

<u>Council Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Christopher Jackson	January 31, 2022
Maggie DeSantis	January 31, 2022

Detroit-Wayne County Health Authority

Contact Person: Brandy Lagodzinski 313-871-3751 ext 200

The City Council appoints one member to this nine-member board.

<u>Council Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Hon. Angela Whitfield-Calloway	December 31, 2025

Detroit-Wayne Joint Building Authority

There are three (3) members on the Joint Building Authority who serves a four (4) year term. The City Council appoints one (1) member, the Wayne County Commission appoints one (1) member and the third member is appointed upon agreement of the two bodies.

<u>Council Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Sharon Madison	December 31, 2024
Nicole Carter (joint)	December 31, 2025

Eastern Market Corporation

Contact Person: Doshia Barton 313-833-9300

The City Council selects two (2) of its members to sit on the board governing the Eastern Market.

<u>Council Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Hon. Fred Durhal, III	December 31, 2025
Hon. Latisha Johnson	December 31, 2025

Board of Ethics

The Board of Ethics is a seven (7) member board. The City Council appoints three members (3) members, the Mayor appoints three (3) members and one (1) member is a joint appointment. The members must be residents of the City and may not hold elective office, or be appointees or employees of the City. They also may not be the immediate family or a relative of the mayor, the deputy mayor, the city clerk or member of City Council. These are five (5) year appointments, up to two (2) consecutive terms not to exceed 10 years.

<u>Council Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Mario Marrow, Sr.	June 30, 2025
Caron Pinkins	June 30, 2024
Michael Rafferty (joint)	June 30, 2025
Robert Watt	June 30, 2025

Entertainment Commission

The Entertainment Commission is a twelve (12) member advisory body. One (1) member is nominated by each City Council member and three (3) members are appointed by the Mayor. The commissioners serve three year terms.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>	<u>Nominator</u>
John Collins	February 14, 2025	Hon. Benson
Sophia Chue	February 14, 2026	Hon. Santiago-Romero
Asia Hamilton	February 14, 2026	Hon. Tate
Chanel Domonique Carter	February 14, 2026	Hon. Sheffield

Entertainment Commission cont.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>	<u>Nominator</u>
Chiara Clayton	February 14, 2022	Hon. Johnson
Gregory Reed	February 14, 2024	Hon. Waters
Gwendolyn Scales	February 14, 2026	Hon. Young
Ericka Murria	February 14, 2024	Hon. Durhal
Vacant		Hon. Calloway

Historic Designation Advisory Board

All members of the Historic Designation Advisory Board shall be residents of the city. The advisory board shall have a majority of persons who have a clearly demonstrated interest in or knowledge of historic preservation. The nine (9) permanent members of the advisory board shall be appointed by the city council and shall include at least one (1) representative from any existing historical preservation society (including, but not limited to, historic district associations).

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Melanie A. Bazil	February 14, 2023
Keith Dye	February 14, 2023
Louis Fisher	February 14, 2023
Theresa Holder-Hagood	February 14, 2023
Calvin Jackson	February 14, 2023
Nubia Wardfold Polk	February 14, 2023
Oswaldo Riveria	February 14, 2026
Sharon Sexton	February 14, 2026
William Worden	February 14, 2026

Historical Museum Board

The City Council has one (1) appoint to this board.

<u>Council Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Hon. Mary Waters	December 31, 2025

Income Tax Board of Review

The City Council appoints the three (3) members that comprise the board. All members shall be residents of the City and shall not be members of any City agency, department, commission or other board of City government. The appointments are for a one-year period.

<u>Council Appointment</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Keisha L. Glenn	February 14, 2019
Shannon Smith	February 14, 2018
Michael Wheeler	February 14, 2019

Inspector General

The City Council makes the appointment for a 6-year term.

<u>Council Appointment</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Ellen Ha	August 19, 2024

Joint Employment Procurement & Advisory Board

The City Council has three (3) appointments to this nine (9)-member board. The appointments are for an indefinite term.

<u>Council Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Huey Gray III	Indefinite
DaRell Reed	Indefinite
Nia Watson	Indefinite

Detroit Land Bank Authority

City Council has confirmation authority for four (4) of the members of the five- (5) member board. Although under the Intergovernmental Agreement the Mayor chooses all four (4) members, the Mayor has agreed to allow City Council to chose one (1) of the members. However, if the City Council does not disapprove the appointment within thirty (30) days after submission by the Mayor, the appointment is confirmed.

<u>Council Appointment</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Miranda Morrow-Bartell (Council)	June 30, 2022

Millennial Mayors Congress

City Council has one (1) appointment this organization. This congress is comprised of representatives from twenty-three (23) communities from Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties. The appointment must be a city resident between the ages of 18 and 35.

<u>Council Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Vacant	

New International Trade Crossing Advisory Group

<u>Council Appointee</u>
Hon. Gabriel Santiago-Romero

Ombudsperson

City Council makes an appointment for a 10-year term.

<u>Council Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Bruce Simpson	October 4, 2025

Public Lighting Authority

City Council has two (2) appointments to this five (5) member body. The members must be city residents. Three of the five members must be a licensed certified public accountant, an attorney licensed to practice in the State of Michigan and a licensed professional engineer. City Council must also select another member from a list of three names provided by the Mayor.

<u>Council Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Rod Parker (CPA)	December 31, 2020
Rick Pruess	December 31, 2020
Melvin Butch Hollowell (joint)	December 31, 2020

Retiree Protection Investment Advisory Committee

Contact Person: Jay Rising

<u>Council Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Hon. Scott Benson	December 31, 2025

Risk Management Council

City Council has one (1) appointment to this nine (9) member body.

<u>Council Appointment</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
David D. Whitaker	Indefinite
Irvin Corley, Jr. (alternate)	Indefinite

The Riverfront Conservancy

Contact No: 313-566-8200

Your Honorable Body has one (1) appointment to the Board of Directors.

<u>Council Appointment</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Hon. Mary Sheffield	December 31, 2025

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

Stephanie Taylor 313-324-3330

City Council has two representatives on the board.

<u>Council Appointment</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Hon. Mary Sheffield	December 31, 2025
Hon. Coleman Young, II	December 31, 2025

Towing Rate Commission

This is a five (5)-member commission chaired by the Auditor General and includes the Director of Consumer Affairs (or designated representative), the Police Chief, a member of the public selected by the Mayor and a representative of the towing industry appointed by the City Council. The Commission meets every two years.

Council Appointment

Not In Session

Woodward Light Rail Transit Authority

Your Honorable Body has two (2) appointments to the seven (7) -member Board of Directors.

<u>Council Appointment</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Henry Gaffney	Indefinite
Robert Polk	Indefinite

Detroit Zoological Society Board of Directors

Contact Person: Laura Marcinkowski 248-336-5801

City Council received two seats on the Board of Directors when the Zoological Society took over the management of the Detroit Zoo.

<u>Council Appointees</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Hon. James Tate	December 31, 2021
Vacant	

In addition to the above appointees Your Honorable Body has also selected Council Member Latisha Johnson as a liaison between the City Council and the Detroit Board of Education.