

Department Source: City Clerk

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 15, 2025

Re: Downtown CID Board of Directors – Annual Membership

Impacted Ward: Ward 1

Executive Summary

The Downtown Community Improvement District (CID) Board of Directors has submitted a slate of proposed Board of Director members to the Mayor for consideration for appointment.

Discussion

The Downtown CID was established by ordinance on February 7, 2011, and it provided for fifteen Board of Directors members. The initial fifteen members were appointed by the ordinance establishing the Downtown CID to staggering terms of one, two, and three years.

Current Board of Director members are:

Deb Rust (Term ending February 6, 2026)

Erica Pefferman (Term ending February 6, 2026)

John Gilbreth (Term ending February 6, 2026)

Ray Hall (Term ending February 6, 2026)

Lara Pieper (Term ending February 6, 2026)

Aric Jarvis (Term ending February 6, 2027)

Jamie Varvaro (Term ending February 6, 2027)

Tanner Ott (Term ending February 6, 2027)

Kathleen Murphy (Term ending February 6, 2027)

Kenny Greene (Term ending February 6, 2027)

Russell Boyt (Term ending February 6, 2028)

Mary Stauffer (Term ending February 6, 2028)

Zach Wagner (Term ending February 6, 2028)

Mike Nolan (Term ending February 6, 2028)

Tootie Burns (Term ending February 6, 2028)

The qualifications to serve on the Board of Directors are set out in the Downtown CID petition and state law. It is required that each director be at least 18 years of age and be either an owner of real property within the District, an owner of a business operating within the District, or a registered voter residing in the District, all as defined in the CID Act (Section 67.1401 RSMo. et seq.).

The petition governing the formation of the Downtown CID provides the appointment process of members to the Board of Directors. Upon submission of a slate of successor

directors by the Downtown CID to the Mayor, the Mayor (with the consent of the City Council) shall approve the appointments or request alternates be submitted by the Downtown CID Board of Directors. The approval or request for alternates is required to occur within 30 days of submission of names by the Downtown CID.

If there is a request for alternative names, the Downtown CID Board of Directors shall resubmit the slate with alternates, and the Mayor shall choose appointees from the names submitted and seek the consent of the City Council. The City Council can accept or refuse consent of the slate submitted by the Mayor. If the City Council refuses to consent to the slate, within ten days, the Mayor shall request alternatives from the Downtown CID Board of Directors.

The Downtown CID submitted a slate of five candidates on November 24, 2025 to be appointed for terms beginning February 7, 2026 and ending February 6, 2029, and that slate includes Lara Pieper, John Gilbreth, Nick McKague, Colleen Rieman, and Michael Graves.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: N/A

Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
February 7, 2011	Ord. No. 020866 – Approving the petition requesting the formation of the Downtown CID; establishing the District as a political subdivision of the State of Missouri
February 17, 2020	REP6-20 – Appointment of Deb Rust, Kenny Greene, Heather McGee, Mikel Fields, and Josh Safranski to terms ending February 6, 2023.

September 21, 2020	REP51-20 – Appointment of Aric Jarvis to the term ending February 6, 2021 due to the resignation of Jesse Garcia.
December 7, 2020	REP77-20 – Appointment of Aric Jarvis, Mike McClung, Van Hawxby, Chrystal Graves-Fazici, and Lydia Melton to terms ending February 6, 2024.
February 15, 2021	REP13-21 – Appointment of Lara Pieper to the term ending February 6, 2023 due to the resignation of Josh Safranski.
January 3, 2022	REP1-22 – Appointment of Russell Boyt, Camellia Cosgray, Rachael Norden, Danielle Little, and Sarah Johnson to terms ending February 6, 2025. Also, appointment of Kathleen Murphy to the term ending February 6, 2024 due to the resignation of Chrystal Graves Yazici.
July 5, 2022	REP55-22 – Appointment of Charles Bruce to the term ending February 6, 2024 due to the resignation of Lydia Melton.
December 19, 2022	REP104-22 – Appointment of Deb Rust, Dimetrious Woods, Lara Pieper, Mikel Fields, and Morgan Wright to terms ending February 6, 2026. Also, the appointment of Mike Nolan to the term ending February 6, 2025 due to the resignation of Camellia Cosgray.
November 20, 2023	REP66-23 – Appointment of Jesse Slade, Jamie Varvaro, Aric Jarvis, Kathleen Murphy, and Kenny Greene to terms ending February 6, 2027. Also the appointment of Tootie Burns to the term ending February 6, 2025 due to the resignation of Rachael Norden.
January 6, 2025	REP1-25 – Appointment of Russell Boyt, Tootie Burns, Mike Nolan, Mary Stauffer, and Zach Wagner be appointed to terms beginning February 7, 2025 and ending February 6, 2028.
April 21, 2025	REP21-25 – Appointment of John Gilbreth, Erica Pefferman, and Ray Hall to terms ending on February 6, 2026 due to the resignations of Dimetrious Woods, Mikel Fields, and Morgan Wright, and appointment of Tanner Ott to a term ending on February 6, 2027 due to the resignation of Jesse Slade.

Suggested Council Action

Either make the appointments as suggested by the Downtown CID or request alternates as allowed per the petition.