

To: **Chair VanMoorlehem and Members of the Charter Commission**  
Through: **Nate Burkett, City Manager**  
From: **Kori Land, City Attorney**  
Date: **September 28, 2021**

## Charter Commission Expiring Terms and Appointment Process

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

There are currently no vacancies on the Charter Commission. However, several existing members have terms that expire February 28, 2022:

- Andrea Friesen
- Jim McKie
- Jim Probst
- Aaron VanMoorlehem

It would be helpful to know if the existing members will be requesting reappointment so that the Commission can determine how many vacancies will result. Then, the City can begin advertising for any vacancies and the Commission can conduct interviews in early 2022 so that the appointments could be made by the Chief Judge and become effective March 1, 2022.

In the event there will be vacancies, the interview questions that were used in the last appointment process is attached. Please review and confirm that these questions should be used again.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Roster
- Interview Questions

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Discussion about potential number of vacancies and if there will be vacancies, when to hold interviews.

**WEST ST. PAUL CHARTER COMMISSION**

<b>NAME OF COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>	<b>TERM EXPIRES</b>	<b>WARD NUMBER</b>	<b>DATE APPOINTED BY COURT</b>
Friesen, Andrea	651.457.4008	<a href="mailto:afriesen.wsp@gmail.com">afriesen.wsp@gmail.com</a>	02.28.22	3	03.01.18
Fromm, Douglas (Vice Chair)	651.453.1511	<a href="mailto:dougfromm@comcast.net">dougfromm@comcast.net</a>	02.28.25	1	03.01.21
Haubrich, Tim	612.209.8571	<a href="mailto:timhaubrich@comcast.net">timhaubrich@comcast.net</a>	02.28.24	3	12.23.20
Johnson, Kimetha (KaeJae)	651.979.5724	<a href="mailto:kimethajohnson7@gmail.com">kimethajohnson7@gmail.com</a>	02.28.24	1	01.25.21
McKie, James	651.248.6534	<a href="mailto:papamckie@earthlink.net">papamckie@earthlink.net</a>	02.28.22	2	03.01.18
Probst, James	651.230.0084	<a href="mailto:jimwstpaul@aol.com">jimwstpaul@aol.com</a>	02.28.22	2	03.01.18
Schempp, Matthew	651.307.7485	<a href="mailto:mschempp@gmail.com">mschempp@gmail.com</a>	02.28.25	3	03.01.21
Tessmer, Mark	612.910.1018 651.457.2909 (Camelot Cleaners)	<a href="mailto:mtessmer1467@comcast.net">mtessmer1467@comcast.net</a>	02.28.24	2	12.23.20
Valento, Tim	651.457.9140	<a href="mailto:t.valento@comcast.net">t.valento@comcast.net</a>	02.28.24	3	12.23.20
VanMoorlehem, Aaron (Chair)	651.455.8444	<a href="mailto:aaron.vanmoorlehem@edmn.org">aaron.vanmoorlehem@edmn.org</a>	02.28.22	1	03.01.18
Vavreck, Karen	651.253.8278	<a href="mailto:obsobor@yahoo.com">obsobor@yahoo.com</a>	02.28.25	2	03.01.21

Updated: 01.27.21

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Attorney Kori Land

**COMMISSION MEETS**

As Called

**TERM LIMIT**

None

## CHARTER COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. In regards to City governance are there any issues, concerns, or changes that you think the Charter Commission should address?
2. Have you served on any other Commissions or committees in WSP or any of the other cities you have lived in?
3. Have you lived in a City that was a Charter City?
4. What are some of your strengths or best qualities that could be helpful to the Charter Commission?
5. Why did you select the Charter Commission?
6. Is the Charter Commission still your top choice?