



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Communications Department

**Date:** January 11, 2013

**To:** The Honorable Betsy Hodges, Ways & Means/Budget Committee Chair

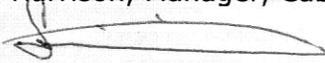
**Subject:** Appointment to Minneapolis Television Network (MTN) Board

**Recommendation:** There are four vacancies on the MTN Board, the City received three applications. Consider the appointment of Chris Lautenschlager, Jay Ludke and Lamarr Scott to the MTN Board.

Appointee Name	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward	Term Number of years	Term	Board Seat's previous member's name that this Appointee is replacing
Chris Lautenschlager	Council	12	1	through January 15, 2014	Kevin Jenkins
Jay Ludke	Council	5	4	through January 15, 2017	Rashad Hasan
Lamarr Scott	Council	9	1	through January 15, 2014	Darren Smith

### Department Information

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Presenters in Committee:

### Financial Impact

- No financial impact

## **Background Information**

This action is to fill two vacancies from resigning board members Kevin Jenkins and Darren Smith. The third vacancy is a result of MTN Board member Rashad Hasan's term ending. The fourth vacancy will remain open until filled.

Minneapolis Television Network (MTN) provides community access to television, and to communication and information networks. MTN strengthens community by encouraging creation of and access to programs and information using electronic technology. MTN supports freedom of expression for all.

## **Membership:**

The MTN board is comprised of nine members (+3 ex-officio), five appointed by the City Council, three Mayoral appointments and one joint Council President and Mayoral appointment, each serving four year terms. Members of the Board of Directors shall be individuals who live, work or are engaged in business within the City of Minneapolis. The Articles of Incorporation contain a conflict of interest statement, which prohibits directors from having a financial interest in any entity engaged in, or doing business with, cable television in Minnesota.