



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Communications Department

Date: March 17, 2014

To: The Honorable John Quincy, Ways & Means Committee Chair

Subject: Appointments to the Minneapolis Television Network (MTN) Board

Recommendation: Consider and approve appointments for four vacancies to the MTN Board. Also, consider the reappointment of Catherine Bishop to the MTN Board for a term to end on January 15, 2018.

Seat 1: Council appointed director; term to start immediately to 01/15/2018;

Seat 2: Council appointed director; term to start immediately to 01/15/2017;

Seat 4: Council appointed director; term to start immediately to 01/15/2016;

Seat 9: Council appointed; term to start immediately to 01/15/2018

Applicant Name	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward	Term number of years	Term	Board Seat's previous member's name that this Appointee is replacing
Nancy Brown	Council	8	2	through January 15, 2016	Seat 4: Dave Anton
Seth Goodlaxson	Council	11	3	through January 15, 2017	Seat 2: Jay Ludke
George Norman	Council	12	4	through January 15, 2018	Seat 9: Lamarr Scott
LaJuana Whitmore	Council	Eden Prairie resident	4	through January 15, 2018	Seat 1: Chris Lautenschlager

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: CJohn Harrison, Manager, Cable & Multimedia Services and/or Bridgette Bornstein, Communications Deputy Director

Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Background Information

These actions are to fill four vacancies on the Minneapolis Television Network (MTN) Board. Two vacancies are a result of board member Jay Ludke and Dave Anton's voluntary resignation. The other two vacancies are a result of board member Chris Lautenschlager and Lamarr Scott's term ending.

The second action is to correct an unintentional missed term for Catherine Bishop which began February 21, 2014. The Clerk's Office identified an unintentional error with Catherine Bishop's term dates. Ms. Bishop was appointed on February 21, 2014 to fill out the remaining term until January 15, 2017, this should have been until January 15, 2018. Catherine Bishop's new term will be February 21, 2014 to January 15, 2018.

Minneapolis Television Network (MTN) provides public access television services. MTN encourages community members to create programming and provides a platform for broadcasting programs on public access television channels in Minneapolis. 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 appointed by the Mayor and one appointed jointly by the Council President and Mayor, 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.