



## Request for City Council Committee Action From the City Attorney's Office

**Date:** December 1, 2014

**To:** Ways & Means Committee

**Subject:** Public Hearing pursuant to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, § 15.210

**Recommendation:** That the Ways & Means hold a public hearing for the appointment of Ethical Practices Board finalists Walter Bauch and Cassandra Ward Brown.

**Previous Directives:** None

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Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Trammell, Assistant City Attorney

**Financial Impact:** No financial impact

### Background/Supporting Information

Three Minneapolis residents serve on the Minneapolis Ethical Practices Board. The members are appointed by an Appointing Committee for the Ethical Practices Board made up of the Chief Judge of Hennepin County, the Dean of the University of Minnesota Law School and the Dean of St. Thomas School of Law. The Appointing Committee is recommending reappointment of Walter Bauch for an additional three year term to end 1/2/2018 and the appointment of Cassandra Ward Brown for a three year term to end 1/2/2018.

The Ethics Code requires the Appointing Committee to forward the name of finalists for Ethical Practices Board vacancies to the City Council members and the Mayor to start the running of a thirty day period for submission of comments about the finalists to the Appointing Committee. This letter, dated November 5, 2014, was forwarded to the City Council and Mayor. The comment period will expire December 5, 2014. Comments may be made directly to the Appointing Committee members or to the Ethics Officer who will forward any comments received to the Appointing Committee.

In addition to the comment period, the Ethics Code, section 15.210, requires a public hearing to solicit public input on the finalists. The required hearing is scheduled for the December 1, 2014 Ways & Means Committee. The public portion of Ms. Ward Brown's and Mr. Bauch's Ethical Practices Board applications is attached.