



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

**Date:** October 26, 2010

**To:** Ways & Means/Budget Committee

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

**Recommendation:** That the Ways & Means/Budget Committee set a public hearing for the appointment of Ethical Practices Board finalist David Odenbach for 1:45 p.m. time certain on November 15, 2010.

**Previous Directives:** None

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Approved by:

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*Susan Segal*  
Susan L. Segal  
City Attorney

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

**Financial Impact:** No financial impact

**Background/Supporting Information**

Three Minneapolis citizens 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 Henneping County, the Dean of the University of Minnesota Law School and the Dean of St. Thomas School of Law. Ms. Susan Humiston, appointed on November 3, 2008 to complete a term expiring on January 2, 2011, has decided not to seek reappointment. The Appointing Committee is recommending appointment of David Odenbach to fill the vacancy that will be created due to Ms. Susan Humiston's decision not to seek reappointment. The Ethics Code requires the Appointing Committee to forward the name of a finalist for a vacancy to the City Council members and the Mayor to start the running of a thirty day period for submission of comments about the finalist to the Appointing Committee. This letter, dated November 1, 2010, will be forwarded to the City Council and Mayor.

In addition to the comment period, the Ethics Code, section 15.210, requires a public hearing to solicit public input on the finalist. The Ethics Officer respectfully requests the Ways & Means/Budget Committee schedule the public hearing for 1:45 p.m. time certain on November 15, 2010. Mr. Odenbach is prepared to attend the meeting to answer questions and the public portion of Mr. Odenbach's Ethical Practices Board application is attached.

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**Application for Appointment to a  
City of Minneapolis Board, Commission, Committee or Task Force**

Some of the information on this form is public data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Chapter 13. The data is being requested so that the appointing authority can make an informed decision as to the appointment to the relevant board, commission, committee or task force. An applicant is not required to provide any information; however, failure to answer any of the questions on this application may cause the appointing authority to reject the application or to select another candidate. The data on this form will be maintained by the City of Minneapolis in accordance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and the non-public portions of the form, if any, will be available to individuals working for the City whose work assignments reasonably require access.

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Minnesota Government Data Practices Act**

<b>Title of the Board, Commission, Committee or Task Force this application is for</b>
Ethical Practices Board

Name: David Jonathan Odenbach	Ward: 7
City of residence: Minneapolis	
Signature: 	Date: 05/04/10

Occupation: Physical Therapist	Employer: Hennepin County Medical Center
Employer's Address: 701 Park Ave Minneapolis, MN 55415	

<p>Describe your background related to any required or desirable qualification listed in the Notice. Include applicable experience with civic, professional or volunteer organizations and other city boards or commissions. List any awards or special recognition. applicable experience with civic, professional or volunteer organizations and other city boards or commissions. List any awards or special recognition.</p> <p>As a health care professional, I am called upon to consider the ethical role of my service on the lives of my clients on a daily basis. As a Senior Staff member in our department, I have been able to distinguish myself as a leader when setting the agenda, defining procedure, and acting responsibly. I have engaged in discussions with our state professional organization, and attended meetings that focus on concerns and priorities for this group. I am also involved in many committees at work that direct and influence the work we do at HCMC. Making judgments which affect the livelihood and independence of individuals has called upon me many times to weigh the complexities of moral need and ethical decision-making against the realities of a resource limited environment, different cultures and attitudes during my career. Current events are bringing to light a greater questioning by society as to whether health care is a right or privilege. Economic hardship creates significant intensity around this question. Out of these concerns, I've developed a growing interest in forming and adopting stronger skills for ethical decision-making. I am currently actively exploring this goal by working toward a Master of Arts degree in St Catherine University's Organizational Leadership program. Classwork, discussion, and assignments have brought a stronger understanding to what I have always regarded in myself to be a strong ethical core. My sense of moral conviction has its background in being raised with a strong connection to my church. As an adult, I have stayed involved in my personal faith through volunteer activities and committees focused on peace and justice. That said, I absolutely believe that spiritual faith is personal matter, and I mention it only as an expression of background and values. I believe that civil service is a responsibility of each citizen, and one that is undertaken with a focus on our common societal values, instead of personal affiliations or preferences.</p>
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**Instructions:**

1. Complete both pages of this application. (Call 612-673-3358 with questions.)
2. Applications must be received or postmarked by the date stated in the Vacancy Notice.  
*Applications delivered in person must be received before 4:30pm.*
3. Return completed applications to:
 

Email	cityclerk@ci.minneapolis.mn.us
Mail or delivery	City Clerk Appointments Room 304, 350 S. 5 <sup>th</sup> St Minneapolis, MN 55415-1382
Fax	612-673-3812