



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Communications Department
Office of Cable & Multimedia Services**

Date January 28, 2009

To Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject

Appointments to Minneapolis Television Network (MTN) Board of Directors

Appointee Name	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward	Number of years of term	Term Beginning/Ending
Donald Allen	Council and/or Mayor	11	4	2/6/09 – 1/15/13
Marie Alena Castle	Council and/or Mayor	4	4	2/6/09 – 1/15/13
Martin Hallanger	Council and/or Mayor	2	4	2/6/09 – 1/15/13
Rashad Hasan	Council and/or Mayor	5	4	2/6/09 – 1/15/13
Peter Larsen	Council and/or Mayor	11	4	2/6/09 – 1/15/13
Eric Rech	Council and/or Mayor	10	4	2/6/09 – 1/15/13
Patrick Scully	Council and/or Mayor	3	4	2/6/09 – 1/15/13
Ben Weeks	Council and/or Mayor	12	4	2/6/09 – 1/15/13
Re-Appointments	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward	Number of years of term	Term Beginning/Ending
Kevin Jenkins	Council	4	4	2/6/09 – 1/15/13

Previous Directives

Openings are due to an expired term of Mayoral Appointment, Thomas Cassidy and City Council Appointments, Floyd Child and Kevin Jenkins and absenteeism of City Council Appointed Board Members of Robert Vose and Tamir Nolley.

Recommendation

There are five vacancies, four City Council appointments and one Mayor with Council Approval. Consider re-appointment of Kevin Jenkins (need City Council approval) and as of 1/28/08 have not received the Mayoral recommendation to serve on the MTN Board, once recommended this appointment also needs council approval.

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Approved by

Sara Dietrich, Communications Director

Steven Bosacker, City Coordinator

Presenters in Committee C John Harrison (612) 673-2906 and/or applicants; Donald Allen, Marie Alena Castle, Martin Hallanger, Rashad Hasan, Peter Larsen, Eric Rech, Patrick Scully, Ben Weeks and/or Executive Director of The MTN, Pam Colby.

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.

(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

<p>___ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget ___ Other financial impact (Explain): ___ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator</p>

Background/Supporting Information Attached

Appointments to Minneapolis Television Network Board:

We received nine applications to fill the five vacancies. Consideration of the following applicants to four City Council and one Mayor with City Council approval appointments:

City Council Appointee (appoint four to a four year term)

1. Donald Allen of 250 2nd Avenue South. Donald Allen would like to be re-appointed as a City Council Appointed term to expire January 15, 2013.
2. Marie Alena Castle of 5146 Newton Avenue North. Marie Alena Castle would like to be re-appointed as a City Council Appointed term to expire January 15, 2013.
3. Martin Hallanger of 2936 39th Avenue South. Martin Hallanger would like to be re-appointed as a City Council Appointed term to expire January 15, 2013.
4. Rashad Hasan of 701 Givens Lane. Rashad Hasan would like to be re-appointed as a City Council Appointed term to expire January 15, 2013.
5. Kevin Jenkins of 1201 37th Ave N. Kevin Jenkins would like to be re-appointed as a City Council Appointed term to expire January 15, 2013.
6. Peter Larsen of 5104 11th Avenue South. Peter Larsen would like to be re-appointed as a City Council Appointed term to expire January 15, 2013.
7. Eric Rech of 3515 Girard Avenue South. Eric Rech would like to be re-appointed as a City Council Appointed term to expire January 15, 2013.
8. Patrick Scully of 107 West Island Avenue. Patrick Scully would like to be re-appointed as a City Council Appointed term to expire January 15, 2013.
9. Ben Weeks of 4605 29th Avenue South. Ben Weeks would like to be re-appointed as a City Council Appointed term to expire January 15, 2013.

Mayor with City Council Approval (appoint one to a four year term)

as of 1/28/08 have not received the Mayoral recommendation to serve on the MTN Board, once recommended this appointment also needs council approval. This person would be appointed as a Mayor with Council approval appointed term to expire January 15, 2013.

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.

The Articles of Incorporation authorize the corporation: (1) to promote the use of cable communication systems for community and public access in the City of Minneapolis; (2) to address the information and cultural needs of residents, businesses, non-profit organizations and governmental bodies; (3) to regulate, control and manage dedicated public channels; and (4) to make recommendations on other franchise issues.

Membership:

MTN is comprised of nine members (+3 ex-officio), five appointed by the City Council, 3 Mayoral appointments and one joint Council President and Mayoral appointment, each serving four year terms. Director 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.