



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

AGENDA SECTION	BUSINESS ITEMS
MEETING DATE	07/06/2026

ITEM:	EDA Commissioner Appointment Process.		
Presenting Item: CD Coordinator Emilie Voight			
DEPARTMENT: Community Development		BY/DATE: CD Coordinator, 06/23/2026	
CORE CITY STRATEGIES: <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)</i>			
☐ Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		☐ Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
☐ High Quality Public Spaces		☒ Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
☐ Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		☐ Inclusive and Connected Community	

BACKGROUND

Following the resignation of EDA Commissioner Lamin Dibba, staff have worked with the City Clerk to prepare for the appointment of a new commissioner. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 469.095, Subd. 2 (c), commissioners "shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the city council." Furthermore, in accordance with MN Statutes 469.095, Subd. 2 (f), the vacancy "must be filled for the balance of the unexpired term, in the manner in which the original appointment was made." The City Code erroneously states that it is possible to begin a new six-year term, but this statement is in conflict with Minnesota Statutes; the Statutes take precedence in these circumstances.

This means that the new commissioner will serve for the remainder of Commissioner Dibba's original six-year term, through December 2029. This also means that the candidates will need to be interviewed by the City Council during a work session, then appointed by the mayor.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS

The application period for candidatures opened on July 1st and will remain open through July 15th. After the application period has closed, Community Development staff and the City Clerk will work together to schedule interviews for eligible candidates.

Staff recommend that the EDA reschedule its August meeting to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 3rd. This change will allow the City Council and mayor to conduct candidate interviews in a special session immediately following that EDA meeting, ahead of the regularly scheduled 6 p.m. Council work session. The selected candidate will then be appointed via resolution at a regular City Council meeting later in August.

Requested EDA Action / Discussion Topics / Key Questions

(Briefly state the specific action staff are requesting of the EDA, if any. For example: provide direction, discuss options, or review information.)

Staff request that the EDA confirm its availability for an August EDA meeting at the proposed time of 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 3rd.

Staff also request that if the mayor or members of the City Council have requests for changes to the interview questions, they bring these requests to the attention of the City Manager during the work session immediately following tonight's EDA meeting.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. EDA Commissioner Interview Questions