

RESOLUTION 2026-061
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPOINTING RICK BERENDSEN AND MIGUEL JIMENEZ TO
THE FORT COLLINS TOURISM IMPROVEMENT BOARD OF
DIRECTORS

A. On August 4, 2021, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 097, 2021, which established the Fort Collins Tourism Improvement District (the “District”) to fund and provide certain tourism services and improvements for the benefit of lodging businesses within the District.

B. The City Council appointed the District’s initial five directors of the District’s Board of Directors (the “Board”) to staggered terms in Section 7 of Ordinance No. 97, 2021.

C. Ordinance No. 97, 2021, requires three of the directors to be affiliated with a large full-service lodging business, two of the directors to be affiliated with a small limited-service lodging business, and one director to be affiliated with a boutique or specialty lodging business.

D. On June 7, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 061, 2022, amending Ordinance No. 97, 2021, to increase the number of directors on the Board from five directors to seven directors and to provide that the two new directors could be affiliated with any type of lodging business.

E. Section 22-164(a) of the City Code requires the District’s directors to be “electors” of the District.

F. Section 22-153 of the City Code defines “elector” to mean a natural person who is a resident of the State of Colorado, is eighteen (18) years of age or older, is registered to vote in general elections in the State of Colorado, and who maintains a lodging tax license with the City and is obligated to pay the City’s lodging tax by virtue of ownership and operation of a lodging business in the District or is a natural person designated to vote for an entity that is not a natural person and maintains a lodging tax license with the City and is obligated to pay the lodging tax by virtue of ownership of a lodging business in the District.

G. Section 22-164(a) of the City Code provides that when a director resigns from the Board before the expiration of their term, the City Council shall appoint by resolution an elector of the District to replace them to finish the remainder of their term.

H. Two director seats are currently vacant on the Board.

I. One of the vacant seats is for a three-year term. Former Director Casey Kittle finished her term as one of the directors of the Board, representing a large full-service lodging business, on January 17, 2026. On February 24, 2026, the Board

nominated Rick Berendsen, the General Manager of the Hilton in Fort Collins, to fill this vacancy for a three-year term to the Board as representative of a large full-service lodging business. The Fort Collins Hilton has a City lodging tax license and is obligated to pay the City's lodging tax. Mr. Berendsen has been designated by the Fort Collins Hilton to vote on its behalf.

J. One of the vacant seats is for the remainder of the term created by the resignation of Amanda Cossey, who resigned a directorship representing a large full-service lodging business in June 2025. On February 24, 2026, the Board nominated Miguel Jimenez, the General Manager of the Marriott in Fort Collins, to fill this vacancy for the remainder of the three-year term. The term will expire April 2, 2027. The Fort Collins Marriott has a City lodging tax license and is obligated to pay the City's lodging tax. Mr. Jimenez has been designated by the Fort Collins Marriott to vote on its behalf.

K. The City Council determines that it is appropriate for the terms of Rick Berendsen and Miguel Jimenez to begin as of the date Council approves a resolution making such appointments.

L. All the above-listed nominees are residents of the State of Colorado, at least eighteen (18) years of age, registered to vote in general elections in the State of Colorado, qualified electors of the District, and, therefore, are qualified to serve as directors on the Board.

M. City Council has determined that the appointment of the above-listed nominees to serve as directors on the Board is in the best interests of the City and the District.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby appoints Rick Berendsen as a director on the Board to serve in a large full-service lodging business seat for a three-year term beginning April 21, 2026, and ending April 21, 2029.

Section 2. The City Council hereby appoints Miguel Jimenez as a director on the Board to serve in a large full-service lodging business seat for the remainder of a three-year term beginning April 21, 2026, and ending April 2, 2027.

Passed and adopted on April 21, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: April 21, 2026
Approving Attorney: Ted Hewitt

Exhibit: None