



## ITEM SUMMARY

**MEETING DATE:** October 21, 2024

**FROM:** Andrea McCue, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Education Advisory Committee – Laurie Kuntz and Melissa Valdes Rodriguez

### BACKGROUND

The City's Education Advisory Committee was established through Resolution 2023-31. The Education Advisory Committee promotes and provides public awareness for education accomplishments of students, educators, and all schools located within the City. The Education Advisory Committee has nine (9) regular members appointed and approved by the City Council. The membership is comprised of one (1) councilmember to serve as liaison, one (1) student from John I. Leonard to serve as liaison, one (1) middle school student from the City's Youth Program to serve as liaison and the City's Community Services Coordinator will serve as the Committee Coordinator. Five (5) regular members will serve a three (3) year term and four (4) regular members will serve two (2) year terms.

### ANALYSIS

There are currently two (2) applications. Laurie Kuntz is a retired English teacher who also worked as an Associate Professor at the University level and worked with immigrant and refugee students teaching ESL. Melissa Valdes Rodriguez is a high school student at John I. Leonard and serves as the student body president.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

### LEGAL

The appointment procedure is in compliance with City Codes.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends appointing Laurie Kuntz for a three (3) year term and Melissa Valdes Rodriguez to serve a one (1) year term to serve as board members of the Education Advisory Committee.