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COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

TO: Mayor Garrett and City Council Members

FR: Sheryl Mitchell, City Administrator

DA: July 26, 2021

RE: **MOTION TO ELECT MEMBERS TO THE MML WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The MML Workers Compensation Board has requested the City participate in the election of members to its Board of Trustees. Attached are the biographies for the candidates who are seeking election to a four-year term, beginning October 1, 2021.

[Lois Allen-Richardson, Incumbent; Mayor, City of Ypsilanti](#)

☐ [Brian Boggs, Appointee; City Council Member, City of Durand](#)

☐ [Maureen Donker, Incumbent; Mayor, City of Midland](#)

☐ [Scott Erickson, Incumbent; Manager, City of Ironwood](#)

☐ [Susan Montenegro, Appointee; Manager, City of Leslie](#)

The slate of candidates was selected by a nominating committee within the Michigan Municipal League.

Suggested Motion:

To Affirm the Nominations as Provided By The MML Workers Compensation Board and Authorize the City Clerk or City Administrator to Notify the MML Before August 13, 2021.

Lois Allen-Richardson, Mayor, City of Ypsilanti



Lois has more than sixteen years of experience as a municipal official, currently serving as mayor of the City of Ypsilanti, having previously served as its councilmember and mayor pro tem. She is a founding member and the current president of Michigan Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (MBC-LEO). Lois is also currently serving as president of the Elected Officials Academy Advisory Board, has previously served as a MML Board of Trustees member and is a past regional secretary with MML. Lois is also involved in several local civic organizations. Lois is seeking election to her second term.

Brian Boggs, City Council Member, City of Durand



Brian Boggs has more than 18 years' experience in local government and is currently the Shiawassee County Administrator and a longtime member of the Durand City Council. Brian is an Assistant Professor for the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Programs in International Studies and Programs at Michigan State University. He has written extensively on educational organizational complexity, specifically as it affects urban schools and policy. He has most recently been published in Teacher's College Record at Columbia with a piece titled, "Conceptualizing Virtual Instructional Resource Enactment in an Era of Greater Centralization, Specification of Quality Instructional Practices, and Proliferation of Instructional Resources." Further, he has published book chapters in: Handbook of Urban Education Leadership; Handbook of Education Politics and Policy; School to Prison Pipeline; Emerging Issues and Trends in Education; Beyond Marginality; and Educational Policy Goes to School. He has also been published in the Journal of School Public Relations. Brian holds a Ph.D. in educational

policy from Michigan State University and is currently finishing his J.D. from Mitchell Hamline School of Law. He holds an MA in Rhetoric and a BA in English from the University of Michigan. Brian is seeking election to his first term.

Maureen Donker, Mayor, City of Midland



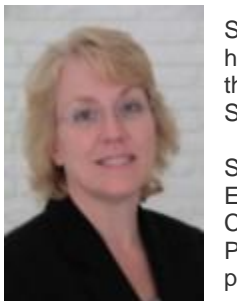
Maureen has more than five years of experience as a municipal official, and has served as mayor of Midland since 2009. She has been the Executive Director of The Reece Endeavor of Midland, a community program providing homes for individuals with special needs, since 1998. Maureen is also active in the Midland community, serving on various local and regional civic organizations. Maureen is seeking re-election to her third term.

Scott Erickson, Manager, City of Ironwood



Scott has over thirty years' experience as a municipal official. He has served as city manager of Ironwood since 2005 and previously served the cities of Oshkosh, WI and Andover, MN. Scott was a Michigan Municipal League Board of Trustees member from 2011 – 2014 and received the MML Jim Sinclair Exceptional Service Award in 2016. He has also served as the president of the Upper Peninsula City Managers Organization and is involved in several local civic organizations. Scott is seeking election to his second term.

Susan Montenegro, Manager, City of Leslie



Susan Montenegro has more than eight years' experience in municipal government, having started her municipal career with the City of Owosso in 2013, where she first served as an intern and was then hired as assistant city manager and director of community development. In June of 2018, Susan was appointed city manager for the City of Leslie.

Susan is a member of the Michigan Municipal Executives, currently serving on its Board and its Early Career Outreach Committee, having previously served on its Professional Development Committee. Susan is a member of the 16/50 Work Group for the Michigan Municipal League's 16/50 Project. She is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and previously served on its Welcome Ambassadors Committee.

Prior to her career in municipal government, Susan served as a pastor in the United Methodist Church for 10 years. Her move to local government was natural, with her extensive background working with volunteers and boards to promote growth, inclusiveness, and community spirit. Team building, outreach, and service have always been at the heart of everything Susan does.

Susan holds an Associate of Arts degree in Business from the University of Phoenix, a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services Management from the University of Phoenix graduating with honors, and a Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Michigan-Flint. She and her husband have four children and welcomed their first grandchild in 2020.

Susan is seeking election to her first term.