

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

Meeting Date: November 14, 2024

Staff Contact: Leslie Herring, City Administrator

Agenda Item: Consider Resolution No. 135-2024 Appointing Leslie Greathouse to the Westwood Foundation Board

Background

The Westwood Foundation is a Kansas not-for-profit corporation organized and existing as an instrumentality of the City of Westwood, Kansas and is governed in the conduct of its affairs by its Board of Directors, its articles of incorporation, and its bylaws. The Westwood Foundation bylaws as amended state that residents of the City of Westwood, Kansas may be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the Westwood City Council to serve terms of four (4) years on the Westwood Foundation Board of Directors.

Mayoral Recommendation

Following Robert Thompson's move outside of Westwood earlier this year, the Mayor issued an open call for candidates. Statements of interest from two (2) residents were received. Following review of those statements of interest, Mayor David Waters and Westwood Foundation President Justin Bridges conferred, and the Mayor is recommending the Governing Body consent to the appointment of Leslie Greathouse.

Leslie Greathouse is a 12-year resident of Westwood. She is an attorney, specializing in business law, and is able to bring that important expertise to the Foundation. She has served in a variety of board roles including most recently on the Kansas Bar Association's Ethics Advisory Committee and on her firm's charitable giving committee, where she supports the arts in Kansas City and regularly reviews local art grant requests. Her son was a previous recipient of the Westwood Foundation scholarship.

Staff Comments

With the adoption of Resolution No. 135-2024, the Westwood Foundation Board of Directors would be as follows:

Westwood Foundation Board of Directors	Date Appointed	Term Expiration Date
Justin Bridges	May 2021	May 2025
Mary Bosco Heinrich	June 2024	May 2025
Sean O'Brien	April 2013	May 2027
Kumud Pyakuryal	September 2013	February 2027
Thomas Scott	May 2021	May 2025
Leslie Greathouse	November 2024	May 2027
Rita Zeller	May 2021	May 2025

Budget Impact

N/A

Suggested Motion

I move to adopt Resolution No. 135-2024 confirming the appointment of Leslie Greathouse to the Westwood Foundation Board of Directors.