

Appointment of Public Members to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board

Date: June 28, 2021

To: Civic Appointments Committee

From: City Clerk

Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

This report deals with personal matters about identifiable individuals who are being considered for appointment to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board.

SUMMARY

This report recommends the appointment of three public members to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the candidates listed in Confidential Attachment 1 to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending July 15, 2025 and until successors are appointed.
2. City Council direct that the balance of confidential information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held December 16, 2020, City Council appointed two candidates to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending July 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.CA16.2>

At its meeting held December 17, 2019, City Council appointed one candidate, a non-Toronto resident that resides in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area, to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, at the pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending December 17, 2023 and until a successor is appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CA11.1>

At its meeting held July 16, 17, and 18, 2019, City Council appointed three candidates to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board, including one as Chair, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending July 16, 2023, and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CA8.3>

COMMENTS

Composition of the TAF Board

The TAF Board consists of 11 members and is composed of:

- the Mayor or designate
- 2 Members of Council
- 8 public members, one of whom may be a non-Toronto resident that resides in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area

There are currently three positions under consideration

These positions are as a result of three members on the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board whose terms of office ended on May 24, 2021. Members continue to serve until successors are appointed.

Term of office

The term of office for public appointees to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board is four years. Members appointed will serve a term of office ending July 15, 2025 and until successors are appointed.

City Council directed the City Clerk to recruit and recommend candidates to the Civic Appointments Committee

City Clerk's staff conducted outreach to attract qualified individuals with expertise in investment, grants, green energy, environmental affairs, and public policy. To attract qualified candidates, City Clerk's staff promoted the opportunity to various professional and community organizations. Staff also invited individuals with the required qualifications and eligibility to consider applying. Consideration was also given to reflecting gender, diversity, and geographical representation on the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board. City Clerk's staff also consulted with the Toronto Atmospheric Fund staff.

City Clerk's staff screened and shortlisted 9 candidates based on the City Council-approved qualifications and eligibility criteria, and interviewed the shortlisted candidates. Environment and Energy staff were asked to participate on the panel given their subject matter expertise in environmental policy and programs.

The panel consisted of:

- Council & Committee Administrator, Public Appointments, City Clerk's Office
- Manager, Policy and Research, and Environment & Energy

The panel determined the final two candidates by weighing their applications and interview performance.

Staff are recommending three candidates for appointment to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board

Environment & Energy and City Clerk's Office staff are recommending three highly qualified candidates for appointment as public members to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board. These candidates cover the range of City Council approved qualifications for the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board with the relevant knowledge and experiences.

Public members should meet specific qualifications

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, board members should collectively have the following experience or knowledge:

- understanding of strategic energy efficiency and green energy market opportunities
- experience and knowledge of environmental affairs from an academic or non-governmental perspective, especially in the areas of air quality and climate change
- experience managing public charities, public or private foundations, community trusts, or other government grant programs
- marketing expertise, such as knowledge of demographic trends that affect consumer choice, in order to advise in community program design and delivery
- financial management and investment expertise, including experience in portfolio management and strategic investing
- legal expertise, in order to advise on legal problems and issues related to TAF's activities when they arise

Public release of names of recommended candidates

The names of the recommended candidates will be publicly reported once the Civic Appointments Committee forwards its recommendations to City Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – List of Recommended Candidates, Biographies, Applications and Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary for Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board