

## **Appointment of Public Members to the Board of Health**

**Date:** January 24, 2022

**To:** Civic Appointments Committee

**From:** City Clerk

**Wards:** All

### **REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

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This report deals with personal matters about identifiable individuals who are being considered for appointment to the Board of Health.

### **SUMMARY**

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The Civic Appointments Committee will conduct interviews and recommend six candidates and one education representative to City Council for appointment to the Board of Health.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee recommend six candidates for appointment to the Board of Health, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on November 14, 2026, and until successors are appointed.
2. The Civic Appointments Committee recommend one School Board nominee for appointment as the education representative on the Board of Health, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on November 14, 2026, and until a successor is appointed.
3. City Council direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachments 1 - 3 remain confidential in their entirety as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Board of Health.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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At its meeting held on January 5, 2023, the Civic Appointments Committee selected 16 candidates for interview at its February 1, 2023 meeting:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.CA1.2>

## **COMMENTS**

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### **Composition of the Board of Health**

The Board of Health consists of 13 members and is composed of:

- 6 Members of Council
- 6 public members
- 1 education representative

### **Public members serve four year terms concurrent with City Council and serve until successors are appointed**

The six public members and one education representative will be appointed, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending November 14, 2026, and until successors are appointed.

The *Health Protection and Promotion Act* requires the Board to elect its own Chair and Vice Chair from amongst its members, and indicates that the term of office for Board members should be coincident with the term of Council.

### **Public members should meet certain qualifications**

Public members of the Board of Health should collectively demonstrate a range of qualifications including:

- interest or background in issues affecting municipal public health programs and services
- interest or skills in planning and policy development leading to a comprehensive municipal public health agenda that meets local community needs
- experience in organizational activities, such as committees, non-profit groups, voluntary societies, occupational associations
- skills in leadership and management and/or experience in administration and budget development

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- demonstrated skills in conflict management, negotiation and mediation
- ability to make a commitment to monthly involvement in Board of Health meetings and related committee or other activities
- a youthful perspective, defined as an individual in the 18-30 age range, is a desired qualification for at least one public member

### **Public members must satisfy certain eligibility requirements**

To be eligible for appointment to this board public members must meet the eligibility requirements set out in the City of Toronto's Public Appointments Policy.

In addition, under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, public members are ineligible for appointment to the board if their services are employed by the Board of Health.

### **Public appointments staff have consulted with Public Health**

In preparation for this process, Public Appointments staff consulted with Toronto Public Health staff to learn more about emerging issues facing Toronto Public Health, strategic directions, and what skills and experiences would best support the board's mandate.

In addition to the Council-approved board qualifications, it was suggested that knowledge of and experience in such areas as city building, climate change and resiliency, housing, mobility, and pandemic response would be additional assets to the board.

### **Public members receive remuneration**

Public members receive \$125 per diem for attendance at board meetings, subcommittee meetings or attendance at meetings as official representatives of the board.

### **Public release of names of recommended candidates**

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

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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John D. Elvidge  
City Clerk

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Confidential Attachment 1 - List of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Board of Health (previously circulated with Item CA1.2)

Confidential Attachment 2 - Interview questions for February 1, 2023 (to be circulated under separate cover)

Confidential Attachment 3 - Interview schedule for February 1, 2023 (to be circulated under separate cover)