

Selection of Candidates for Interview for the Metro Toronto Convention Centre Board

Date: October 14, 2025

To: Corporations Nominating Panel

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 Metro Toronto Convention Centre Board.

SUMMARY

The Corporations Nominating Panel will select candidates to be interviewed for appointment to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre Board. The Corporations Nominating Panel will conduct interviews at its next meeting and recommend two candidates to City Council for appointment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Corporations Nominating Panel select five of the candidates listed in Confidential Attachment 1a for interview at its next meeting for appointment to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre Board.
2. The Corporations Nominating Panel direct that Confidential Attachments 1a, 1b, and 2 remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held June 26 and 27, 2024, City Council appointed the Destination Toronto President and Chief Executive Officer to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending June 29, 2027, and until a successor is appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.CC19.6>

At its meeting held March 29, 30, and 31, 2023, City Council appointed one public member to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending July 20, 2025, and until a successor is appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.CC5.9>

At its meeting held July 19, 20, 21, and 22, 2022, City Council appointed three members to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending July 20, 2025, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.CC47.9>

COMMENTS

The Metro Toronto Convention Centre is an external corporation

The Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre Corporation (MTCC) is a government business enterprise of the provincial Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. It is incorporated as a corporation without share capital pursuant to the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre Corporation Act. The Corporation is also a Crown agency under this same Act.

Composition of MTCC Board

The board consists of not fewer than 7 and not more than 13 members:

- not more than 10 shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council
- not more than 3 shall be appointed by the Council of the City of Toronto

Currently, the City's 3 members on the board include:

- 2 Toronto residents
- the President and Chief Executive Officer of Destination Toronto

Under the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre Corporation Act, the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall designate one of the directors as chair of the board.

There are currently two positions under consideration

There are currently two positions under consideration due to the end of terms for Jascha Jabes and Mike Yorke on July 20, 2025, and until successors are appointed.

Public members should meet certain qualifications

In addition to the general eligibility requirements set out in the Public Appointments Policy, members should possess:

- interest in and a broad knowledge of the hospitality industry
- sound management background in finance, marketing, entertainment, food service, facilities operation or communications
- ability to devote time required for board meetings and for pre-meeting study and review of agenda and supporting material

Public members serve three-year terms

The two successful candidates in this process will be appointed for a term of office ending on December 19, 2028, and until successors are appointed.

Public appointments staff have consulted with the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

In preparation for this process, Public Appointments staff consulted with the President and CEO of the MTCC, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Board Chair. In addition to the general qualifications, it was suggested that candidates with market research, banking and finance experience, and large-scale infrastructure investments and projects would be assets to the board.

Public members receive remuneration

Any member of the public who is chair of the board shall receive remuneration of \$200 per meeting. Other public members shall receive remuneration of \$125 per meeting.

Outreach was conducted for these vacancies

The opportunity to apply to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre was shared externally through the Institute of Corporate Directors, LinkedIn, and the Public Appointments e-subscribers list.

The opportunity was also shared with internal City partners including the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Unit, the Indigenous Affairs Office, and People and Equity to promote broadly through their networks.

Next steps - Interviews

Once the Corporations Nominating Panel has selected candidates for interviews, the City Clerk's Office will contact the candidates to schedule them for 15-minute interviews. Five interviews plus deliberations will take approximately 1.75 hours to complete.

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SIGNATURE

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City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1a - List of Eligible Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre Board

Confidential Attachment 1b - List of Ineligible Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre Board

Confidential Attachment 2 – Skills Matrix for Highly Qualified Candidates for the Metro Toronto Convention Centre Board