

Appointment of Public Members to the Board of Directors of TO Live

Date: May 6, 2026

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 Board of Directors of TO Live.

SUMMARY

The Civic Appointments Committee will conduct interviews and recommend three candidates to City Council for appointment to the Board of Directors of TO live.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Civic Appointments Committee recommend three candidates to City Council for appointment to the Board of Directors of TO Live, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on May 23, 2030, and until successors are appointed.
2. City Council direct that Confidential Attachments 1a, 1b and 2 to 4 remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Board of Directors of TO Live.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held on April 17, 2026, the Civic Appointments Committee selected eight candidates to be interviewed at its next meeting for appointment to the Board of Directors of TO Live:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2026.CA34.1>

At its meeting held on March 25 and 26, 2026, City Council appointed Brian Astl as Chair of the TO Live Board of Directors, at pleasure of Council, for the remainder of his term ending February 10, 2028, and until a successor is appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2026.MM39.67>

At its meeting held on February 27, 2026, the Civic Appointments Committee referred item 2026.CA33.3 back to the City Clerk and directed the City Clerk to conduct further outreach for appointment of public members to the Board of Directors of TO Live, to fill the remaining vacancies:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2026.CA33.3>

At its meeting held on May 21 and 22, 2025, City Council appointed three candidates to the Board of Directors of TO Live, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on May 24, 2029, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.CA25.1>

At its meeting held on December 17 and 18, 2024, City Council appointed one candidate to the Board of Directors of TO Live, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on December 20, 2028, and until a successor is appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.CA20.3>

At its meeting held on March 20 and 21, 2024, City Council appointed four candidates to the Board of Directors of TO Live, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on February 10, 2028, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.CA13.1>

At its meeting held on November 8 and 9, 2023, City Council directed the Civic Appointments Committee to screen, interview, and recommend candidates to City Council for appointment to the Board of Directors of TO Live:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.MM12.3>

COMMENTS

Composition of the Board of Directors of TO Live

The Board of Directors of TO Live consists of 13 members and is composed of:

- the Mayor or a Council member appointed by the Mayor as the Mayor's designate
- 2 Council members
- 10 public members

There are currently three positions under consideration

There are currently three positions under consideration due to the resignations of Lori DeGraw on November 28, 2025, and Terri Jaffe on July 9, 2025. In addition, Gave Lindo's term will end on May 11, 2026, and until a successor is appointed.

Public members serve four-year terms

The three successful candidates in this process will be appointed for a term of office ending on May 23, 2030, and until successors are appointed.

Public members should meet certain qualifications

Public members of the Board should collectively have significant experience in one or more of the following qualifications:

- current or past leadership role in the performing arts sector or another cultural sector
- community leadership and partnerships
- marketing and sponsorship
- financial management and business strategy
- labour relations

In addition, a youthful perspective, defined as an individual in the 18-30 age range, is a desirable qualification for at least one public member.

There are specific eligibility requirements to serve on the Board of Directors of TO Live

In addition to the general eligibility requirements in the Public Appointments Policy, public members are ineligible for appointment, if any of the following conditions apply to them or their immediate family members if:

- the person is a supplier of goods or services to the City's theatre facilities
- the person has an employment relationship with another performing arts theatre
- the person has an employment, directorship, ownership or controllership interest in an organization that has an interest in performing or producing live performing arts at the City's theatre facilities

Consultation with TO Live and Economic Development and Culture

In preparation for the recruitment process, Public Appointments staff consulted with the CEO of TO Live and staff from Economic Development and Culture. It was suggested that candidates who identify as Indigenous would be an asset to the board. It was also suggested that experience in financial management, HR expertise, and experience managing large community hubs or facilities would be beneficial to the board.

Public members are volunteers

No remuneration is paid to Board of Directors of TO Live members.

Public release of the names of the recommended candidates

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

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City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1a - List of Eligible Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information, and Applications for Appointment to the Board of Directors of TO Live

Confidential Attachment 1b - List of Ineligible Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information, and Applications for Appointment to the Board of Directors of TO Live

Confidential Attachment 2 - Diversity Information Summary for Current Public Members of the Board of Directors of TO Live

Confidential Attachment 3 - Skills Matrix for the Board of Directors of TO Live

Confidential Attachment 4 - Interview Schedule for May 15, 2026