

October 17, 2024

TO: CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: MAYOR JOHN GILES

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Committees

The following are my recommendations for appointments to the City of Mesa Advisory Boards and Committees:

Education and Workforce Roundtable – Seventeen-member board including new appointments.

Dr. Richard Daniel, Dr. Daniel, president of Mesa Community College, is being appointed to the Education and Workforce Roundtable as a standing member. Prior to his current role as MCC president, Dr. Daniel served as president of South Mountain Community College and as executive vice president and chief operating officer of Education Forward Arizona. He holds a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from Arizona State University, a master's degree in Higher Education Administration, and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies.

Housing and Community Development Advisory Board – Eleven-member board including new appointments.

Jayne Gunnison, District 2. Ms. Gunnison is currently pursuing a law degree at the University of Arizona and previously attended Mesa Community College. She has 10 years' experience in financial services and has started two service organizations to support foster care youth and community development. She has served in volunteer capacities with United Way, St. Vincent De Paul, Paz de Cristo Feed My Starving Children and Midwest Food Bank. Her partial term will expire June 30, 2025.

Library Advisory Board – Nine-member board including new appointments.

Mark Powell, District 6. Mr. Powell serves on the board of directors for House of Refuge. He is an Eastmark resident, passionate about Library services, and is eager to communicate the needs of the community as the new library is being built. Mr. Powell holds a Bachelor of Science in Communications from Northern Arizona University and currently works as a loan officer. His partial term will expire June 30, 2027.

Karina Wilhelm, District 3. Ms. Wilhelm has been a library professional for 18 years. She has held various roles at the ASU Library for more than 16 years. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from Arizona State University, a Master of Information Resources and Library Science from the University of Arizona, and a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from Arizona State University. She previously served on the City of Mesa Museum and Cultural Advisory Board and currently works as a learning services manager for the ASU Design and the Arts Library. Her partial term will expire June 30, 2025.