

**Neighborhood STAR Board  
Proposed Appointments – February 2017**

**Derek Anders-Turner**

Ward 1  
African American  
Employer: US Bank  
Occupation: Technology Manager

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or committee?**

I would like to continue to build a strong community for our youth and businesses to grow. We can't solve issues with just law enforcement alone. We need to put the proper resources in the right places and make lasting investments.

**What skills/training or experience do you possess for the committee(s) for which you seek appointment?**

I work as a technology manager supporting financial and expense management teams on a daily basis. My role is to resolve escalated issues and answer technical questions. Innovation is key to improving technology and operation projects. We work with our clients on best practices, reducing risk, while working with their financial reporting and expense management systems. I have 15 years of information technology project experience. I have served in the military and have combat operations experience. I have five years of volunteer experience with the American Red Cross Twin Cities Disaster Team. I have coached football for several years for the Minneapolis Park Board.

**Kaylan Punsack**

Ward 3  
Caucasian/Non-Hispanic  
Employer: Delta Airlines  
Occupation: Financial Analyst

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or committee?**

After reading a recent article in the Villager about the Capital Improvement Budget Committee, I felt encouraged to apply for one of the vacant seats. I have been a St. Paul resident for six years and would like to get more involved in the community and think the CIB, Cultural STAR or Neighborhood STAR boards would be a perfect fit.

**What skills/training or experience do you possess for the committee(s) for which you seek appointment?**

My background is in finance, with six years of project funding experience at Northwest and Delta Airlines. Currently, I work in the IT Finance department at Delta Airlines, managing a \$140 million operation budget for the IT development portfolio. In addition to the operating budget, IT has a similar sized capital plan for the year. My responsibility is to lead the analysis of proposed project costs and benefits to ensure requests are in line with Delta's corporate strategies as well as to translate complex IT project charters into business cases for both IT and non-IT senior leadership and calculate financial payback for IT capital projects.

**Mustafa Hassan Diriye**

Ward 4

African American

Employer: Students for Education Reform

Occupation: Organizer

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or committee?**

Serving my community: I can contribute to the effort by using my community organizing skills, friendly way with people, helping to establish priorities, and being readily available and cheerfully willing to do whatever task I may be assigned.

**What skills/training or experience do you possess for the committee(s) for which you seek appointment?**

My current job at Students for Education Reform and Volunteer at African Economic Development Solutions (AEDS) has allowed me to build upon my leadership qualities in a meaningful way. At AEDA and SFER I work directly with the Somali community and use my outreach ability to inform and sustain positive relationships with AEDS and the Twin Cities Somali community. I have worked with a number of diverse communities for many years. From organizing events to grass-roots community outreach, I have all the makings of a dynamic addition to your organization. If appointed, I would apply the wealth of my many experiences and my distinctive knowledge of the rich Twin Cities cultural landscape.

**Juliana Wilkins**

Ward 7

Caucasian

Employer: COMPAS

Occupation: Nonprofit fundraiser

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or committee?**

I am interested in the arts and economic development in Saint Paul, hence my selection of committees in those areas.

**What skills/training or experience do you possess for the committee(s) for which you seek appointment?**

I have served on boards in various capacities in the past. I am a new resident of Saint Paul and recently purchased a house in Dayton's Bluff. I am very interested in getting involved in local government and am passionate about helping make Saint Paul an even better place to live, work and play.