

Business Review Council Proposed Appointments – June 2017

Marie Ellis

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Employer: Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce

Occupation: Director of Public Affairs/Legal Counsel

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

As a professional working in Saint Paul and an individual who spends a lot of time in Saint Paul, I look forward to the opportunity to share my skills with the BRC. I recognize the importance of reviewing rules and regulations regularly to ensure they are necessary and as simple as possible.

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

My experience at the Saint Paul Chamber of Commerce provides me with insight into impacts that rules and regulations have on business and industry. I am an attorney, skilled at reviewing proposed legislative and procedural changes.

Brianne Hamm

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Employer: Securian-Advantus Capital Management

Occupation: Regional Vice President, Institutional

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

Over the past few years, I have become increasingly engaged with the St. Paul community as I live and work downtown. I work for Advantus, Securian's investment arm, and serve MN's government finance (municipal) market; so, I have grown more aware of how profound an impact the city administration can have on businesses and residents. I care deeply about the future of the St. Paul community and would love to participate in setting the city up for success in the long run. I actively stay educated on what is happening around the city and have grown my network of contacts who keep me informed and involved.

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In addition to my experience with government finance and my growing knowledge of public affairs, I believe my following experiences also enable me to adopt a holistic insight to provide both a voice for business and the greater St. Paul community:

- Participant in Leadership St. Paul, the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce's premier leadership program.
- Freelance Marketing Consultant for Pioneer Endicott, where I developed and manage a loyalty card program (Pioneer Pass) that promotes local businesses to our residents.
- Councilmember Rebecca Noecker's Campaign Events Manager
- Co-chair, University of St. Thomas Graduate Business Alumni Board (graduate from the full-time MBA program)
- Participant on Securian's Sustainable Workplace Committee led by Julio Fesser, a current BRC member who supports my candidacy

Brenda Kyle

Ward 2

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Employer: Saint Paul Port Authority

Occupation: SVP – Strategic Planning

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

The Port Authority is very interested in participating in ongoing conversations relative to development in Saint Paul. We are very happy to serve, participate in the conversation relative to business interests within the City.

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I have worked at the Port Authority for 11 years now. Have spent nine years working on business development, both retention and expansion, within our 21 business centers and the business community at large. I have spent the last two years running developing projects in the City, can bring that perspective to the conversation.