

# City of Detroit

## CITY COUNCIL HISTORIC DESIGNATION ADVISORY BOARD

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FROM: Janese Chapman, Director  
Historic Designation Advisory Board

DATE: June 28, 2024

SUBJECT: Candidates for Consideration for the Historic Designation Advisory Board (for three-year terms from 2024-2027)

The following board member terms have expired.

- 1) Calvin Jackson, Chairman (District 5)
- 2) Melanie Bazil (District 4)
- 3) Carolyn Carter (District 5)
- 4) Louis Fisher (District 1)
- 5) Theresa Holder-Hagood (District 2)

You previously received information on HDAB member Dr. Carolyn Carter's expired term, and a request to schedule an interview for her reappointment was sent in March. Of the additional board members whose terms have expired, only Theresa Holder-Haygood has opted not to reapply for her current board position. Please find attached the signed "expiration of term" forms expressing these members' desire to be considered, and in the case of Ms. Holder-Haygood, desire not to be considered, for another three-year term on the Historic Designation Advisory Board.

With Ms. Holder-Haygood's decision not to seek reappointment, the Historic Designation Advisory Board (HDAB) will have one (1) open board member seat to fill and four (4) seats to reappoint. **Respectfully, we are requesting your consideration to interview the attached four (4) candidates for reappointment to HDAB as soon as possible. These candidates meet the Certified Local Government (CLG) professional criteria to serve and are as follows.**

We currently have one City of Detroit resident, Melinda-Mo'Nae Rawls (District 1), who wishes to serve on the Board and was interviewed by the Internal Operations Standing Committee on

April 16, 2024. Please let our office know if you have any potential candidates you would like to recommend for the Board, otherwise HDAB staff is supportive of an appointment of Ms. Mo’Nae Rawls.

Attached, you will find a summary of the candidates and copies of their resumes for your review.

Thank you.

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Attachments

June 2024

Candidates for consideration to fill one vacant Historic Designation Advisory Board (HDAB) position and reappoint four HDAB positions

The following candidate, Melinda-Mo'Nae Rawls, has been interviewed by HDAB staff based on her expressed interest to serve as a member of HDAB. The Internal Operations Standing Committee interviewed Ms. Rawls on April 16, 2024. There is currently one open seat, to be vacated by Theresa Holder-Hagood:

Melinda-Mo'Nae Rawls

Community activist; D.J. "Destined for Greatness" Radio Show – WHPR; Receptionist – Omni Continuing Care, Board Member – Detroit Repertory Theatre

<https://www.facebook.com/DestinedForGreatnessRadioShow/>

Residency: (District 1)

The following HDAB Members have requested consideration for renewal of a three-year term:

Calvin Jackson, HDAB Chairman

Retired Executive Director – Eastside Community Resource & Non-Profit Housing Corporation; Vice-President – Indian Village Association; Trustee – Historic Indian Village Collections

Residency: (District 5)

Melanie Bazil

Curator of Special Collections, Kettering University, Flint, MI

Residency: (District 4)

Dr. Carolyn Carter

Researcher, Archivist, Historian, Genealogist

Residency: (District 5)

Louis Fisher

Architect

Residency: (District 1)