



**CITY OF BOULDER
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

MEETING DATE: December 14, 2021

AGENDA TITLE

Accept Council Board and Committee Assignments for 2022

PRESENTER(S)

Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde, City Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the December 7 meeting council discussed their current participation on intergovernmental and inter-organization committees and boards, determine which require a council member representative and which can have staff appointments, and agree upon board and committee assignments. Prior to the December 14 meeting, final assignments will be released on Hotline for acceptance on the consent agenda.

There are three groups that have more than two council members appointed, and in accordance with the Boulder Revised Code Charter Section 9 the justification for those groups are as follows:

- Financial Strategy Committee (appointments: Joseph, Wallach, Yates, Speer) - The Financial Strategy Committee works with city staff to develop the city's annual budget, evaluates adjustments to base and budget reductions, as necessary, and recommends to council ballot and policy matters relating to the city's finances. These tasks and the longer-term nature of financial strategy work benefit from a diversity of backgrounds, term lengths, knowledge, experience, and perspectives among the council members who serve on the committee. This degree of diversity can be challenging, if not impossible, to achieve with only two

- participating council members. Given how critical financial strategies are to the city's current and future goals, city council finds it appropriate that up to four council members serve on the Financial Strategy Committee, because more than two members are needed to create a diverse and representative committee.
- Guiding Coalition for Racial Equity (appointments: Brockett, Benjamin, Speer) - The Guiding Coalition for Racial Equity is comprised of city directors and council members who are guiding and supporting high-level strategic planning and implementation of equity initiatives. Progress in inclusion and racial equity requires a diverse range of experience, knowledge, and perspectives. This degree of diversity can be challenging if not impossible to achieve with only two participating councilmembers. Given how critical racial equity work is to the city's current and future goals, city council finds it appropriate that up to four council members serve on the Racial Equity Guiding Coalition when more than two members are needed to create a diverse and representative committee.
 - Intergovernmental Affairs Committee (appointments: Wallach, Brockett, Joseph, Friend) - The Intergovernmental Affairs Committee works with Chief Policy Advisor, Carl Castillo, and makes recommendations to the whole city council on what legislative positions the council should take. In order for the committee to be successful, it requires members with a diversity of political perspectives, policy focuses and relationships. Having only two members is insufficient to provide this diversity, therefore the city council finds it necessary for the committee to have up to four members to provide the different perspectives critical to its success.

NEXT STEPS

Council members will meet with their new boards and committees.

ATTACHMENT

A – 2021 Council Board and Committee Assignments

B – Authority to Appoint Council Members

C – 2022 Council Board and Committee Assignments