



August 28, 2019

**MEMORANDUM:** MPHA Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Jeff Horwich, Director of Policy & External Affairs

**SUBJECT:** Roster of RAB members for upcoming 2019/2020 Term

The Minneapolis Public Housing Authority Resident Advisory Board (RAB) is an advisory committee to the MPHA Board of Commissioners. From the Charter of the RAB, as enacted by the MPHA Board as of January 1, 2018:

*The RAB is created for the purpose of giving residents and participants the opportunity to advise, work with, and make recommendations to the MPHA board and staff regarding matters that affect their communities, and to provide recommendations on other such matters and concerns to MPHA and its board.*

To optimize alignment with MPHA's annual planning process and the election cycle of the Minneapolis Highrise Representative Council (MHRC), the RAB Charter specifies that a new slate of RAB members take their seats for a two-year term beginning in August 2019 (and every two years thereafter). The constitution of the RAB is explicit in the RAB Charter. The following members are beginning their term today:

**Housing Choice Voucher Program:** Sonya Mills

**MHRC Security Advisory Committee Chair:** Tomasz Rajtar

**MHRC Diversity Committee Chair:** Patty Mohrbacker

**MHRC Management, Maintenance and Modernization Committee Chair:** Jim Anderson

**MHRC North:** Odessa Davis  
*North Alternate: Wanda Tonkin*

**MHRC Northeast:** Madreen Steeves  
*Northeast Alternate: Gloria Coles*



**MHRC Southeast:** Mohamed Farah  
*Southeast Alternate: Abdisamed Adan*

**MHRC Southwest:** Lisa Anderson  
*Southwest Alternate: Sharif Ali*

**MHRC President:** Mary McGovern  
*(Appointment will transfer to a successor, as needed, following an upcoming election)*

Certain designated RAB seats are currently vacant, and MPHA will continue ongoing efforts to recruit willing volunteers. These include a second seat for a voucher participant and two seats each for residents of the Glendale Townhomes and MPHA's scattered sites. New members may join the RAB mid-term to fill these seats or others that become vacant.

RAB members will elect a new chair and vice chair at the August RAB meeting. These positions are elected on an annual basis.

For further information, please see the RAB Charter (attached here).