



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: April 23, 2024

In Control: Governance Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Clerk

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Debbie Racca-Sittre

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Consideration of one At-Large Appointment to the SA: Ready to Work Advisory Board

SUMMARY:

The Governance Council Committee will review and consider applicants for one At-Large seat for the Trade and Labor Category on the SA: Ready to Work Advisory Board. Appointee will serve the remainder of term of office to begin upon approval by the City Council and to expire on May 31, 2025.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On December 17, 2020, City Council approved the creation of the SA: Ready to Work Advisory Board. The SA: Ready to Work Advisory Board is charged with providing input to the Mayor and City Council on in-demand occupations, workforce training alignment and training targets, and wraparound support in connection with the SA: Ready to Work Program.

The SA: Ready to Work Board is comprised of 11 members, of which nine positions are At-Large appointments, and two positions are Councilmember Liaisons appointed by the Mayor. Councilmembers Manny Pelaez and Adriana Rocha Garcia currently serve as the two City Council liaisons appointed by the Mayor.

The SA: Ready to Work Advisory Board At-Large Representatives are comprised of the following categories:

- Four representatives of local employers offering in-demand occupations
- Two current or previous City workforce program participants
- One representative of a trade and labor organization
- One representative of a community organization
- One representative of a training provider or higher education institution

In order to prevent actual or perceived conflicts of interest, no SA: Ready to Work Advisory Board appointed members may have direct relationships with entities that contract with the City for implementation of the SA: Ready to Work program. The Advisory Board meets bi-monthly and provides feedback on:

- In-demand occupations eligible for tuition assistance;
- Qualitative input regarding necessary skill sets and alignment with training programs;
- Annual allotment of workforce certificate vs. college degrees slots;
- Balance between workforce training and degree program from year to year; and
- Levels and quality of wraparound support.

In addition, SA: Ready to Work Advisory Board members:

- Serve as community program ambassadors, promoting resident participation and employer hiring of participants;
- Provide recommendations semi-annually to City Council during the annual budget development for the program and during a subsequent mid-year report.

ISSUE:

The SA: Ready to Work Advisory Board appointments require full City Council approval.

Eligible Applicants for Trade/Labor Organization - 1 Seat Available:

- Marti Garza
- Matthew Gonzales
- Dale Hanson
- Emilie Herrera

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Committee can reject applicant(s). If applicant(s) are rejected, additional applications may be sought.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Clerk recommends forwarding the Governance Council Committee's recommendations for approval by the full City Council at the next available A Session.