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CITY COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR EMANUEL'S APPOINTMENTS TO CHICAGO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

City Council today approved a number of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's appointments to Chicago Boards and Commissions to City Council. The following appointees represent the City of Chicago's diverse communities and astute business leaders.

"Throughout their careers, these individuals have shown a deep dedication to serving communities across Chicago," said Mayor Emanuel. "My administration is committed to providing people in every neighborhood with the highest quality and most effective services. Through their leadership and hard work, I'm confident these appointees will help the City achieve its goals."

Appointed as a member of the Police Board

- Paula Wolff, Director, the Illinois Justice Project

Appointed as a member of the City Colleges of Chicago Board of Trustees

- Rebeca Nieves Huffman, Executive Director, City Year Chicago
- Clarisol Duque, Chicago Director and Chief of Staff, Office of U.S. Senator Richard Durbin (reappointment)
- Beth Swanson, Vice President of Strategy & Programs, The Joyce Foundation (reappointment)

Reappointed as a member of the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners

- Donald Edwards, Managing Principal and CEO, Flexpoint Ford, LLC
- Avis LaVelle, Founder, A. LaVelle Consulting Services

Appointed as a member of the Chicago Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

- James Matanky, CEO, Matanky Realty Group
- Debra Parker, President, Carol's Consulting and Expediting Services
- Bill Thanoukos, Owner, Greek Kitchen, LLC
- Meghan Harte, Executive Director, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) (reappointment)

Appointed as a member of the Chicago Public Library Board

- Alexi Giannoulis, Senior Director, BNY Mellon Wealth Management
- Linda Johnson Rice, Chairman, Johnson Publishing Company (reappointment)
- Denise Gardner, former President, Insights & Opportunities (reappointment)
- Lynn Lockwood, Creative, Non-profit, and Political Consultant (reappointment)

Reappointed as a member of the Regional Transportation Authority

- Christopher C. Melvin, Jr., Chairman and CEO, Melvin & Company

Reappointed as a member of the Northwest Home Equity Commission

- Thomas Simmons, former government administrator, City of Chicago and the Office of the Cook County Sheriff
- Cynthia Rice, former agent, State Farm Insurance
- Andrea Mitchell, Senior Marketing Manager, International Society for Stem Cell Research

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