



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Communications Department

Date: February 13, 2014

To: The Honorable John Quincy, Ways & Means Committee Chair

Subject: Appointments to the Minneapolis Television Network (MTN) Board

Recommendation: Confirm Mayoral appointment of Catherine Bishop for Seat 6 with a term to expire January 15, 2017.

Seat 6: Mayor appointed director; term to start immediately to 01/15/2017;

Applicant Name	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward	Term number of years	Term	Board Seat's previous member's name that this Appointee is replacing
Catherine Bishop	Mayor	St. Paul resident	3	through January 15, 2017	Seat 6: Kevinn Tam

Department Information

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Approved by: _____
Sara Dietrich, Communications Director

Presenters in Committee: Bridgette Bornstein, Communications Deputy Director

Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Background Information

Minneapolis Television Network (MTN) provides public access television services. MTN encourages community members to create programming and provides a platform for broadcasting programs on public access television channels in Minneapolis. MTN supports freedom of expression for all.

Membership:

The MTN board is comprised of nine members (+3 ex-officio), five appointed by the City Council, three appointed by the Mayor and one appointed jointly by the Council President and Mayor, each serving four year terms. Members of the Board of Directors shall be individuals who live, work or are engaged in business within the City of Minneapolis. The Articles of Incorporation contain a conflict of interest statement, which prohibits directors from having a financial interest in any entity engaged in, or doing business with, cable television in Minnesota.