

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Appointment to Lane Workforce Partnership

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Department: City Manager's Office
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Agenda Item Number: 2C
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ISSUE STATEMENT

This is an action item to appoint a member to the Lane Workforce Partnership (LWP).

BACKGROUND

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 requires that local workforce investment boards, i.e., the Lane Workforce Partnership Board of Directors, be comprised of a majority of members from businesses. Business representation must be owners of businesses, chief executives, or operating officers of business or employers with optimum policy-making or hiring authority; represent businesses with employment opportunities that reflect the employment opportunities of the local area, and are appointed from among individuals nominated by local business organizations, such as the Eugene Chamber and business trade associations.

The Lane Workforce Partnership, formerly known as the Southern Willamette Private Industry Council, is dedicated to assisting employers recruit and retain employees and to help individuals find employment and to progress in their careers.

There are 15 members on the LWP board, including one elected official and seven business representatives. The business representatives are recommended by the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce to the Mayor, who then nominates the candidate for appointment by the City Council.

The term for this position will begin immediately upon appointment and will expire December 31, 2016.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

The boards, committees and commissions serve as advisory bodies to the City Council in the development of various City policies.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The City Council can vote to approve the nominee; request additional information or background on the nominee and delay the vote, or reject the nominee and reopen the recruitment.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager has no recommendation on this item; appointments are made by the council.

SUGGESTED MOTION

There is one position on the Lane Workforce Partnership board of directors for which appointment has been requested. The Mayor recommends the following:

Move to appoint Phil Hohnstein to the Lane Workforce Partnership board of directors for a term beginning December 1, 2013, and ending on December 31, 2016.

ATTACHMENT

A. Letter from LWP and application materials

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