




# CITY OF APPLETON

**Date:** April 2nd, 2025

**To:** Members of the Common Council

**From:** Mayor Jacob A. Woodford 

**Subject:** Confirmation of Appointments

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It is with pleasure that I present the following appointment for your confirmation at the April 2nd, 2025, Common Council meeting.

**Fox Cities Transit Commission** –Appointment

**Maiyoua Thoa**

**3 Year Term**

**Term Ends April 2028**

Maiyoua Khang Thao is a dedicated entrepreneur, community leader, and advocate for underrepresented communities. As the co-owner of multiple businesses, including Thao Enterprises, Long Cheng Senior Center, Long Cheng Marketplace, THAO United Family Farm, and Chung's Sandwich Bar, she has spent decades creating opportunities and services for marginalized groups. She also serves as the President of the Long Cheng Community Center, a nonprofit focused on enhancing the lives of local seniors and empowering Hmong girls through cultural arts. Previously, she owned and operated Tongxeng Personal Homecare, employing over 300 people across Wisconsin. Maiyoua made history as the first Hmong American woman elected to Appleton's City Council, where she served two consecutive terms. Her leadership extends to state-level initiatives, including the Retirement Security Task Force, appointed by Governor Tony Evers. Recognized for her contributions, she has received numerous accolades, including the 2024 ATHENA Leadership Award, honoring her commitment to professional excellence, community impact, and the advancement of women in leadership.