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Members of the Common Council:

The following is being presented for your confirmation at the September 16 Council meeting:

FOX CITIES TRANSIT COMMISSION

Appointment of one (1) member to fill the term vacated by Lynn Erickson:

SONIA BARHAM

Remainder of 3-year term to expire April 2018

Sonia Barham is the Executive Director of SOAR Fox Cities, Inc. SOAR provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Sonia was born in Brazil and grew up in California. She completed her first two years at UCLA and later transferred to The Master's College earning a B.A. in Christian Ministries.

Ms. Barham's background consists of Management, Finance and Administration. Prior to its acquisition by FirstGroup, she worked for Laidlaw Transit, which was the largest provider of intercity bus services, contract public transit and paratransit, and contract school bus service in both the United States and Canada. She also managed a Fixed Base Operator (Million Air) at Hawthorne Airport in California. Sonia recently completed SILE III (Social Innovation Leadership Experience).

Sonia's current community involvement includes: Valley Transit – Strategic Planning Steering Committee Member; Appleton Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program – Review Panel; Appleton Alliance Church – High School Group leader; Fox West Y – Vice Chair; Fox Valley Technical College – OAR Advisory Committee Member; United Way – Strengthening Families Impact Area Volunteer; Steering Committee for the Non-Profit Executive Director Networking Educational Forum; Rotary of Appleton, Downtown – Board Member & Co-chair of Rotary Youth Services & Education Committee.

It is with pleasure that I make this recommendation.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY M. HANNA
Mayor of Appleton