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TO: Members of the Common Council
FROM: Mayor Jacob A. Woodford 
DATE: March 31, 2023
RE: Confirmation of Appointments & Reappointments

It is with pleasure that I present the following recommendations for your confirmation at the April 5, 2023, Common Council meeting.

BOARD OF HEALTH – Reappointments

Emma Kane	2 Year Term	Term Ends April 2025
Dr. Lee Vogel	2 Year Term	Term Ends April 2025

BOARD OF REVIEW – Reappointments

Kyle Lobner	1 Year Term	Term Ends April 2024
Linda Marx	1 Year Term	Term Ends April 2024
Sean Morgan	1 Year Term	Term Ends April 2024

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – Reappointments

Kevin Loosen	3 Year Term	Term Ends May 2026
Kelly Sperl	3 Year Term	Term Ends May 2026

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD – Appointment

David Kress	3 Year Term	Term Ends December 2024
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CITY PLAN COMMISSION – Reappointment

Isaac Uitenbroek	3 Year Term	Term Ends April 2026
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION – Reappointments

Dan Meissner	3 Year Term	Term Ends May 2026
Nancy Peterson	3 Year Term	Term Ends May 2026

LIBRARY BOARD – Reappointments

Margret Mann	3 Year Term	Term Ends June 2026
Lisa Nett	3 Year Term	Term Ends June 2026
Nancy Scheuerman	3 Year Term	Term Ends June 2026

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION – Reappointment

Pamela De Leest	5 Year Term	Term Ends May 2028
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POLICE CHIEF'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD – Appointments

Chris Clarke	3 Year Term	Term Ends April 2026
Mark Cochrane	3 Year Term	Term Ends April 2026
Melissa Dickenson	3 Year Term	Term Ends April 2026
Samantha George	3 Year Term	Term Ends April 2026
Michelle Hedtke	3 Year Term	Term Ends April 2026
Ryan Korth	3 Year Term	Term Ends April 2026
Kara Miller	3 Year Term	Term Ends April 2026
Randy Pynenberg	3 Year Term	Term Ends April 2026
Kathleen Salm	3 Year Term	Term Ends April 2026
Ilan Shapiro	3 Year Term	Term Ends April 2026
Debbie Wagner	3 Year Term	Term Ends April 2026

Chris Clarke received his bachelor's degree from Syracuse's LeMoyne College, and his master's and Juris Doctorate degrees from Manhattan College and Pace University. His career has been in higher education. He is currently serving as Vice President for Student Life at Lawrence University, having moved with his family to Appleton last summer. Chris' previous work includes Manhattan College, Wagner College, The Juilliard School, and Shippensburg University. Chris and his wife have three children and two dogs.

Mark Cochrane served in the Air force as a recruiter and currently works for Outagamie County in a human resources and recruitment/retention role. He believes law enforcement is a key factor in a community where people are proud to live, and residents can partner with and support law enforcement by adding community perspective. Mark looks forward to adding value to this board and assisting APD in any way possible. He has been an Appleton homeowner since 1999 where he and his wife have raised two children.

Melissa Dickenson has lived in Appleton since 1993 and has raised her children here. Melissa currently works at Appleton North High School as a secretary. This role has allowed her to be very connected to the community helping families and students. She enjoys living in Appleton and looks forward to giving back to the community with participation on this board.

Samantha George has 24 years of experience teaching special education in the Hortonville School District. She and her husband have two growing boys, two dogs, and three cats. As a family, they enjoy camping and spending time in northern Wisconsin.

Michelle Hedtke (Mickie) has a degree in criminal justice and psychology and has been a social worker since 1999. She has worked in Child Protection, Juvenile Justice, and with Special Needs Adoptions prior to her current role with Winnebago Mental Health Institution. She has a daughter in college and a daughter attending Fox Valley Lutheran. Mickie looks forward to helping find new ways to support collaboration between APD and the community.

Ryan Korth was raised in Appleton and graduated from Appleton North High School. He served on submarines in the Navy from 1999-2005, in the Marines from 2005-2015, and served two tours in Iraq followed by work in Homeland Security until 2022. Ryan currently owns a small business in De Pere, Wisconsin.

Kara Miller earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology from DePaul University and her master's degree in Public Health from UW-Madison where she also received her Graduate/Professional Certificate in Global Health. She currently works as a care manager for Lakeland Care managing long term care for adults who have physical disabilities, developmental disabilities, and serious and persistent mental illnesses. Prior to care management, Kara worked as an inpatient human service specialist for those in crisis and experiencing severe symptoms of addiction and mental illness at Tellurian. Kara is also an advocate for animal welfare and environmental health.

Randy Pynenberg grew up in the Fox Valley. Following high school, he studied electrical engineering at Michigan Tech, and later earned a master's degree in Electrical Engineering from Michigan Tech and an M.B.A. from Marquette University. Randy returned to the Fox Valley in 2016 to raise his daughter, and currently lives downtown where they feel part of the community. Randy looks forward to participating on this board to better understand the challenges and priorities of APD and to provide a voice for community concerns.

Kathleen Salm graduated from UW-Oshkosh with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Her career has consisted of substitute teaching in several school districts and teaching summer school math. She also spent time as a travel agent. Kathleen has volunteer experience from Rebuilding Together, Trout Museums, White Heron/New Voices, Vets & Friends, to APD where she currently transcribes handwritten Day Books and plays McGruff the Crime Dog, along with her husband, and is involved in the kids fishing program. Kathleen is married and has two adult daughters.

Ilan Shapiro went to kindergarten and first grade in Appleton before his family moved to Milwaukee. He completed his medical training at UW Oshkosh and his surgical training in New York City. Ilan moved back to Appleton to raise his family and practiced medicine here for 30 years before retirement. During his career, he worked with many officers in the emergency rooms at both St. E's and Theda Clark. That experience along with his immigrant background helps him to identify with our diverse community and makes him a good fit for this board.

Debbie Wagner and her husband have three children. She has been an active community volunteer for over 20 years for nonprofits including Oneida Nation Food Pantry, LEAVEN, Harbor House, and Feeding America. Debbie looks forward to serving on the board to help make our community a better place, so more people want to raise families here.