

**City of Missoula, Montana
New Business Item**

Item: Approval for JEDI Advisory Board Appointments

Council Meeting

Date: February 28, 2024

Sponsor(s): Alex Lawson

Department or

Function: HR

Prepared by: Alex Lawson

Ward(s) Affected:

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Action Required:

Request City Council approve appointments for three seats and one alternate on the joint City-County JEDI Advisory Board.

Recommended Motion(s):

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Approve the recommendations of the selection committee and name Destiny Devine, Jay Raines and Lily Sussman as JEDI Advisory Board members, and Kiyomi Looney as a board alternate.

Background and Alternatives Explored:

Resolution No. 8659 adopted on January 23, 2023 established a three-person task force to create bylaws and a formal recruitment and selection process for the JEDI Advisory Board within a twelve-month period. City and County staff supported the task force to achieve this mandate and council approved adoption of the proposed bylaws on December 6, 2023. Concurrently, a one-month recruitment effort was led by County and resulted in 23 applicants for the board. A selection committee comprised of Elisha Buchholz (Missoula County Equity Coordinator), Josh Slotnick (Missoula County Commissioner), Mirtha Becerra (City Council Vice President), Task Force Members (Rajiem Seabrook, Dexter Royes, Wilena Old Person), and Alex Lawson (JEDI Specialist acting as Mayoral designee) interviewed 17 of these applicants over the period of January 17 – February 12. The committee met to deliberate on February 20, and arrived at the recommendation of nine candidates to fill the remaining seven board seats and two alternate positions. The proposal before Council today is to confirm these recommendations and formalize the City appointments for the JEDI Advisory Board.

Financial Implications:

Ongoing staff support of the advisory board

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