

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Renee Eisenbeisz , Assistant City Manager
DATE: June 1, 2026
SUBJECT: Human rights commission appointments
ITEM NUMBER: 10.b
SECTION: GENERAL BUSINESS

REQUESTED MOTION

To appoint the following individuals to the human rights commission:

- Matthew Arries through January 31, 2028
- Pranav Puligundla, student representative through May 31, 2029

INTRODUCTION

The city council is being asked to appoint Matthew Arries and Pranav Puligundla to the human rights commission.

DISCUSSION

The human rights commission currently has one vacancy through January 31, 2028 from a member resigning earlier this year. Additionally, it has three student vacancies starting in June. The commission interviewed Matthew Arries for the regular vacancy and Pranav Puligundla for one of the student vacancies at their May 27 meetings. Both applicants have impressive resumes and would make excellent additions to the commission. The commission unanimously approved recommending both Arries and Puligundla to the city council for appointment.

Arries currently works in healthcare management and has served in a number of leadership roles including on the MN Department of Health's Health Equity Advisory and Leadership (HEAL) Council. Puligundla is an incoming sophomore at Mounds View High School and has extensive volunteer experience with the Shoreview Library, Lyngblomsten Care Center, and Inner City Tennis Center.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the city council appoint the following individuals to the human rights commission:

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ATTACHMENTS

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