

# Memorandum

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Renee Eisenbeisz , Assistant City Manager  
**DATE:** January 6, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Human rights commission appointments  
**ITEM NUMBER:** 11.d  
**SECTION:** GENERAL BUSINESS

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## **REQUESTED MOTION**

To appoint the following individuals to the human rights commission:

- Emily Salava Batres through January 31, 2026
- Mary Ellen Baisley through January 31, 2028

## **INTRODUCTION**

The city council is being asked to appoint Emily Salava Batres and Mary Ellen Baisley to the human rights commission.

## **DISCUSSION**

The human rights commission currently has two vacancies, one through January 31, 2026, and one through January 31, 2028 from members moving outside of Shoreview. The commission interviewed Mary Ellen Baisley, Emily Salava Batres, Leonore Heino, and Sarah Haugen at their December 18 meeting. All four applicants have impressive resumes and would make excellent additions to the commission. Ultimately, the commission voted to recommend appointing Emily Salava Batres and Mary Ellen Baisely. Mary Ellen is currently a dean of students at Irondale High School and Emily is currently with the Minnesota Department of Health. The commission feels they will both bring a wide breadth of knowledge to the commission.

The commission still has one student vacancy and will be interviewing students from Irondale in February.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

- Emily Salava Batres through January 31, 2026
- Mary Ellen Baisley through January 31, 2028

## **ATTACHMENTS**

[HRC applicants](#)