



Office of Mayor Keith Wilson
City of Portland

Mayor's Appointment: Michael Jordan, City Administrator

February 5, 2025

In accordance with Portland City Charter Section 2-401 (f), Mayor Wilson has submitted his nominee for City Administrator, Michael Jordan, to City Council for confirmation. This appointment is a crucial step in fully implementing the transition from the Commission form of government to the Mayor/Council form of government and provides an essential component of continuity of operations for the City.

Statement from Mayor Keith Wilson

"I am pleased to nominate Michael Jordan as the City Administrator," said Portland Mayor Keith Willson. "This appointment is a vital step in our transition, ensuring continuity of operations for the City. With his extensive qualifications and service to Portland, Michael Jordan is uniquely suited to help guide our city through ongoing organizational changes. I appreciate his willingness to stay on as we conduct a national recruitment process this spring, aiming to appoint a new City Administrator by January 1st, 2026."

Statement from Michael Jordan

I am honored and humbled to be Mayor Wilson's nominee for the role of City Administrator for the City of Portland. I have devoted my career to public service, and after spending the last two-plus years preparing this organization I would be thrilled to work with the Council and the Mayor in solidifying the transition to the new form of government. Portland is a great city, and while we have had some challenging times of late, we have a huge opportunity in how this new form of government is implemented. It would be the highlight of my career to assist the Council and the Mayor in leading our dedicated employees through that transformation.

Nominee Qualifications

From 2022-2024, Michael Jordan served as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Office of Management and Finance, what was then the central hub for internal services such as human resources, technology, and finance. After the passage of

Measure 26-228 in late 2022, Jordan oversaw the City Transition Team, a project group tasked with preparing for and facilitating the transition. He was formally appointed as Interim City Administrator by Mayor Ted Wheeler in early 2024, at which time he began leading an interdisciplinary leadership team, assisting the Mayor in the City's day-to-day operations, and continued guiding the preparation and implementation of charter change across the organization.

Before serving as City Administrator, Jordan previously served as Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services for the City of Portland and as Chief Operating Officer for the State of Oregon's executive branch. In that role, he was responsible for leadership and oversight of the day-to-day operations of the state and the Department of Administrative Services. From 2003 to 2011, Jordan oversaw a workforce of 1,600 and a suite of public services and economic development as chief operating officer for Metro, greater Portland's regional government.

Previous public roles include serving as a Clackamas County Commissioner and Canby City Administrator. Before entering public service, Jordan worked for 11 years at Pacific Power and Light.