

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Reappoint Lavaun Heaster and Suzanne Stahl and appoint Rick Hammond, Terrence Blosser and Kathy Coleman to the Portland Commission on Disability for 3-year terms to expire September 9, 2018.

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This resolution is being proposed to reappoint Lavaun Heaster and Suzanne Stahl and to appoint Rick Hammond, Terrence Blosser, and Kathy Coleman to the Portland Commission on Disability for 3-year terms to expire September 9, 2018.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

None.

Community impacts and community involvement:

These Commissioners will benefit the Disability community by representing its interests and concerns and promoting inclusion of individuals with disabilities. The City's livability is impacted through their work to create an increasingly more equitable city for all Portland residents.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- ☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.
☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

Newly appointed Portland Commission on Disability Commissioner bios:

Kathy Coleman, MSW, is the Artistic Director of the Disability Art and Culture Project (DACP). She started dancing with the New Dance Company in Stockton, California. She founded DACP with other Portland area disabled dancers due to the difficulties finding accessible and welcoming places to dance. She has trained with both integrated and non-integrated dance companies and teachers, including Axis Dance Company, Light Motion Dance Company, Jurg Koch at the University of Washington, Yukio Suzuki, Yumiko Yoshioka and has participated in the Anarcha Project and Tiresias at the University of Michigan. She is a certified DanceAbility instructor and has completed the Brain-Compatible Dance Education Institute. She is involved in the disability arts movement nationally and has presented on “The Right to Dance” at the Society for Disability Studies Conference and University of Washington Integrated Dance round table. Kathy has worked in the non-profit and social service area for over 20 years. This work includes Disability Rights Oregon, benefits planner; Multnomah County Health Department Healthy Birth Initiative, community health worker; Director of Community Works!, an HIV and substance abuse outreach program and Counseling Coordinator at the Women’s Center of San Joaquin County.

Rick Hammond was born and raised in Portland. He moved around in his 20's. He discovered a love of spoken word poetry, came to terms with his blindness, and made many friends before returning to the Rose City in May 2012. In 2008 & 2009 he taught cooking and travel skills to high school-aged blind students in two consecutive summer programs at a blindness training center in Denver CO. Since returning to the Portland area, Rick has done work at Oral Hull, which is a camp for blind adults based out of Sandy. He also hosts an Internet radio show, where he interviews various people within the disability community.

Terrence (Terry) Blosser – Executive Masters of Public Administration from Portland State University. Previously he received his BA in History, also from Portland State University. He is currently working on an ADA Coordinator certification through the ADA Coordinator Training Program (ACTCP), offered by the Great Plains ADA Center and University of Missouri. He spent over 25 years in the IT industry, the last 21 years working for a financial concern based in Ohio as a Tech Lead. Terry has been an advocate for the low vision, deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing community for many years. In 2008, he received the Charles W. Medick award from Vision and Vocational Services (Columbus, Ohio) as the “Outstanding Low-vision, blind person of Central Ohio.” He was nominated based on his success in the IT field in addition to his advocacy and support for the deafblind, low vision community. In June 2015, he received the PSU Hatfield School of Government: Center for Public Service (CPS) Award of Achievement: Community Engagement for making a substantial contribution to community engagement. Terry is a member of the Oregon DeafBlind Task Force and various other deaf, deafblind and guide dog organizations. Through Guide Dogs for the Blind, he was paired to his guide dog Bryson approximately six and a half years ago.