



**New Brighton City Council
Work Session Agenda
New Brighton City Hall | Council Chambers
803 Old Hwy 8 NW, New Brighton , MN 55112
5:00 PM October 14, 2025**

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I. Interviews with Applicants for City Advisory Commissions

1. 5:00 pm Hikma Mohamed
2. 5:05 pm Kristin Johnson
3. 5:10 pm Brian Jackson
4. 5:20 pm Mark Lindley
5. 5:30 pm Nathan Marszalek
6. 5:35 pm Maeve Lavin
7. 5:40 pm Asmaa Hamimoune
8. 5:45 pm Sumaya Ali
9. 5:50 pm Kou Xiong
10. 5:55 pm AJ Millios

11. 6:00 pm Hailey McCain
12. 6:05 pm Jiewen Zheng
13. 6:10 pm Irie Haig
14. 6:15 pm Appointment Discussion



Agenda Section:	Interviews with Applicants for City Advisory Commissions
Report Date:	10/09/2025
Meeting Date:	October 14, 2025

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ITEM DESCRIPTION: 6:15 pm Appointment Discussion

Action Requested:

Public Hearing	Motion
<u>Discussion</u>	Informational

Form of Action:

Resolution	Ordinance
Contract/Agreement	<u>N/A or Other</u>

Votes Needed:

3 Votes	4 Votes
5 Votes	<u>N/A</u>

Summary Statement:

Staff is looking for direction for filling mid-year commission openings. We plan to bring a resolution to the City Council on October 28th appointing members to commissions effective immediately.

Recommendations:

Direct staff to create a resolution appointing individuals to fill the following advisory commission openings:

Economic Development Commission

	• 1 adult commissioner with a term that expires 3/31/2026. Staff recommends that the City Council expand this appointment to include a standard 3-year term, so this person does not need to reapply in January. • 1 adult commissioner with a term that expires 3/31/2027. • 1 adult commissioner with a term that expires 3/31/2028. • 1 student commissioner with a term that expires 3/31/2026. Parks, Recreation, and Environmental Commission • 1 student commissioner with a term that expires 3/31/2026 Planning Commission • 1 student commissioner with a term that expires 3/31/2026 Public Safety Commission • 1 adult commissioner with a term that expires 3/31/2028
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Applicable Deadlines:	NA - however, there is not an available meeting for discussion on this topic again until late November.
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Community Impact:	Filling vacancies on the City's advisory commissions will restore full membership to several commissions that have been operating below capacity since last spring. When commissions have vacancies, it can limit their ability to achieve quorum, distribute workloads equitably, and maintain a full range of perspectives during discussions. In addition, when student commissioner positions remain vacant, it reduces opportunities for youth participation and input in City decision-making. Appointing new members will strengthen the commissions' effectiveness, ensure a broader representation of community voices, and enhance public engagement in civic processes. The applicant pool reflects a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, supporting the City's commitment to inclusion and diverse community representation.
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Legislative History:	The City conducts its regular advisory commission recruitment period each winter to fill terms that expire on March 31. Commissioners serve staggered three-year terms, with approximately one-third of each commission appointed annually. Applications are accepted in January, interviews are conducted in February and March, and appointments are made in March for terms beginning April 1. If vacancies remain after the spring recruitment period, an additional recruitment may be conducted in the fall. During the 2025 spring recruitment cycle, three student commissioner positions remained unfilled due to a lack of applicants for the Economic Development Commission (EDC), Parks, Recreation, and Environmental Commission (PREC), and Planning Commission. Two adult commissioner positions also remained vacant, one on the EDC and one on the Public Safety Commission. In June 2025, an EDC commissioner resigned following a residential move that disqualified them from continued service. In October 2025, another EDC commissioner resigned due to personal circumstances. The next regular recruitment period will begin in January 2026 to fill terms expiring March 31, 2026.
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Strategic Priority:	<table> <tr> <td>Financial Sustainability</td><td>Staff Capabilities</td></tr> <tr> <td><u>Economic Development</u></td><td><u>Community Engagement & Belonging</u></td></tr> <tr> <td>City Assets</td><td>N/A</td></tr> </table>	Financial Sustainability	Staff Capabilities	<u>Economic Development</u>	<u>Community Engagement & Belonging</u>	City Assets	N/A
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<u>Economic Development</u>	<u>Community Engagement & Belonging</u>						
City Assets	N/A						

Fiscal Impact:	Financial Impact: Is there a financial consideration?		<u>No</u>	Yes \$
	Financing Sources:	Budgeted		Budget Modification
	New Revenue	Use of Reserves		Other

Attachments:	1.	Commission Interview Questions_2025
	2.	2025 Commission Fall Openings_V1
	3.	Redacted and Scanned Applicatons in Order of Interview

2025 Fall Openings / Applicants

Economic Development Commission

(Meets 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30am)

Openings

- _____ (2026**)
(Left vacant spring 2025)
- _____ (2027)
(Vacated October 2025)
- _____ (2028)
(Vacated June 2025)
- _____ (2026)
(Student – left vacant spring 2025)

Current Commissioners

- Vice-Chair Victoria Prasek (term expires March 31, 2027)
- Paul Zisla (term expires March 31, 2026)
- Merhawi Yigzaw (term expires March 31, 2027)
- Jonathan Dummer (term expires March 31, 2028)
- Bruce Howard (term expires March 31, 2028)
- Vacant Position (term expires March 31, 2026)
- Vacant Position (term expires March 31, 2027)
- Vacant Position (term expires March 31, 2028)
- Vacant Student Position (term expires March 31, 2026)

Interested Applicants:

Kristin Johnson – A

(Applied for Planning but said in a phone call she is flexible and open to other commissions)

Robert Brian Jackson – A

(Applied for Planning but might open to other commissions)

Nathan Marszalek – S *

Asmaa Hamimoune – S *

Kou Xiong - S

Jiewen Zheng – S *

Irie Haig – S*

* Applied for multiple commissions

** Current commissioner

~~Strike through~~ = Did not reapply or resigned

Red Font = Eliminating this position to align membership

Equity Commission

(Meets 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30pm)

Openings - NONE

Current Commissioners

- Chair Kami Miller (term expires March 31, 2027)
- Vice-Chair Cathy Forbes (term expires March 31, 2028)
- Carlos Herrera (term expires March 31, 2026)
- Ellen Weber (term expires March 31, 2026)
- Sophie Jung (term expires March 31, 2026)
- Michael Postle (term expires March 31, 2027)
- Melissa Spiess (term expires March 31, 2027)
- Kisten Thompson (term expires March 31, 2028)
- Liz Erstad-Hicks (term expires March 31, 2028)

Interested Applicants:

Mark Lindley – A *

Hailey McCain – S *

Jiewen Zheng – S *

Irie Haig – S*

** Applied for multiple commissions*

Parks, Recreation and Environmental Commission

(Meets first Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm)

Openings

- _____ (2026)
(Student – left vacant spring 2025)

Current Commissioners

- Chair Julia O'Rourke (term expires March 31, 2027)
- Vice Chair Abe McEathron (term expires March 31, 2028)
- Pauline Alfors (term expires March 31, 2026)
- Gary Bank (term expires March 31, 2026)
- Kristin Hicks (term expires March 31, 2026)
- Becky Slabiak (term expires March 31, 2027)
- Sebastián Fallas (term expires March 31, 2027)
- Laura Sokol-Kraft (term expires March 31, 2027)
- Vacant Student Position (term expires March 31, 2026)

Interested Applicants:

Nathan Marszalek – S *

Asmaa Hamimoune – S *

AJ Millios - S

Jiewen Zheng – S *

Irie Haig – S*

** Applied for multiple commissions*

Planning Commission *(Statutory Responsibilities)*

(Meets third Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm)

Openings

- _____ (2026)
(Student – left vacant spring 2025)

Current Commissioners

- Chair Tim McQuillan (term expires March 31, 2027)
- Vice-Chair Eric Nelsen (term expires March 31, 2026)
- Karen Collins (term expires March 31, 2027)
- Ian Pirner (term expires March 31, 2028)
- Andre Kuiper (term expires March 31, 2028)
- Abby Bryant (term expires March 31, 2028)
- Vacant Student Position (term expires March 31, 2026)

Interested Applicants:

Hukma Mohamed – S

Kristin Johnson – A *

Robert Brian Jackson – A

Mark Lindley – A *

Maeve Lavin – S

Asmaa Hamimoune – S *

Sumaya Ali – S

AJ Millios – S

Hailey McCain – S *

Jiewen Zheng – S *

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** Applied for multiple commissions*

Public Safety Commission

(Meets 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30pm)

Openings

- _____ (2028)
(Left vacant spring 2025)
- _____ (2026)
(Student – left vacant spring 2025)

Current Commissioners

- Chair Mark Jansen (term expires March 31, 2027)
- Vice-Chair Kevin Dostal Dauer (term expires 3/31/26)
- Liza Allen (term expires March 31, 2026)
- Kena Abdissa (term expires March 31, 2026)
- Tom Harkins (term expires March 31, 2027)
- Roberto Valdizan (term expires March 31, 2027)
- Adam Stout (term expires March 31, 2028)
- Duncan Potter (term expires March 31, 2028)
- Vacant Position (term expires March 31, 2028)

Interested Applicants:

Mark Lindley – A *

** Applied for multiple commissions*

2025 Commission Openings

Summary:

3 Adult candidates for 4 Adult Positions

10 Student candidates for 3 Student Positions

Applicants (in interview order)

- Hikma Mohamed (S - Planning)
- Kristin Johnson (A – Planning, EDC)
- Robert Brian Jackson (A – Planning)
- Mark Lindley (A – Planning, Public Safety, Equity)
- Nathan Marszalek (S – EDC, PREC)
- Maeve Lavin (S- Planning)
- Asmaa Hamimoune (S – EDC, PREC, Planning)
- Sumaya Ali (S – Planning)
- Kou Xiong (S – EDC)
- AJ Millios (S – PREC, Planning)
- Hailey McCain (S – Equity, Planning)
- Jiewen Zheng (S – EDC, Equity, PREC, Planning)
- Irie Haig (EDC, Equity, PREC)

Openings

- Planning Commission – 1 Student
- PREC – 1 Student
- Public Safety – 1 Adult, 1 Student
- Equity – None
- EDC – 3 Adult, 1 Student

** Applied for multiple commissions*

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First Name

Last Name

Street Address

City

Zip Code

Email Address

Phone Number

How many years have you been a New Brighton resident?

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Answered 18 of 21 (85.7%)

Please indicate which of these commissions you are most interested in applying for:

- ☐ Economic Development Commission (Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30am)
- ☐ Equity Commission (Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm)
- ☐ Parks, Recreation and Environmental Commission (Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm)
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- ☐ Public Safety Commission (Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm)

Which type of position are you applying for?

Student Commissioner

Why do you want to serve on a City Commission?

I want to become a city commissioner in order to serve the community

Please list any related work, volunteer or educational experiences that could help you in this role:

I'm a volunteer tutor that helps under privileged students

Please list any civic, professional and / or community organizations in New Brighton that you are involved with:

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Commission Application - Submission #4826

Date Submitted: 8/29/2025

First Name

Kristina

Last Name

Johnson

Street Address

[REDACTED]

City

New Brighton

Zip Code

55112

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Phone Number

[REDACTED]

How many years have you been a New Brighton resident?

9

Availability (Please list specific days or times you are NOT available):

Please indicate which of these commissions you are most interested in applying for:

- ☐ Economic Development Commission (Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30am)
- ☐ Equity Commission (Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm)
- ☐ Parks, Recreation and Environmental Commission (Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm)
- ☒ Planning Commission (Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm)
- ☐ Public Safety Commission (Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm)

Which type of position are you applying for?

Adult Commissioner



Why do you want to serve on a City Commission?

I love living here and being involved in the community. My husband is a Mounds View Schools employee, I am employed in an insurance role in the city, and my two daughters attend school here. I'm interested in learning more about how the city grows and to be thoughtful about the growth. I also believe that the history of the city should be commemorated and I'd love to work to recognize landmark buildings or locations.

Please list any related work, volunteer or educational experiences that could help you in this role:

Please list any civic, professional and / or community organizations in New Brighton that you are involved with:

Farmer's Market vendor

What do you hope to accomplish through serving?

To do my best to help the community that I love continue to be a great place to work, live, and play!

Additional Comments:

Important Information About Your Commission Application*

Data Privacy Notice

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The information being requested will be used to identify you as an applicant, enable us to contact you when additional information is required, send you notices, and assess your qualifications for appointment. This data is not legally required, but refusal to supply the information requested may affect the City Council's ability to accurately evaluate your application.

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All other personal information is classified as private data and cannot be released to the public unless you give permission for the city to release it. Information related to student commissioners is also private data and will not be released.

If appointed to a City of New Brighton Commission, your residential address will become public data per Minnesota State Statute 13.601, subd. 3b. If appointed, you will also be assigned a City of New Brighton email address which will be listed on a public roster so members of the public can contact you regarding work your commission is doing. Would you also like your personal phone number listed on this public roster?

☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide your phone number here:

Release of Information

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☐ No

☒ Yes. Please contact me about leadership opportunities that arise in the next year.

Please type your name in lieu of a written signature.*

Date

Kristin Johnson

08/29/2025

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Commission Application - Submission #4182

Date Submitted: 5/12/2025

First Name

Robert

Last Name

Jackson

Street Address

[REDACTED]

City

New Brighton

Zip Code

55112

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Phone Number

[REDACTED]

How many years have you been a New Brighton resident?

.25

Availability (Please list specific days or times you are NOT available):

Please indicate which of these commissions you are most interested in applying for:

- ☐ Economic Development Commission (Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30am)
- ☐ Equity Commission (Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm)
- ☐ Parks, Recreation and Environmental Commission (Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm)
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- ☐ Public Safety Commission (Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm)

Which type of position are you applying for?

Adult Commissioner



Why do you want to serve on a City Commission?

After moving to Minnesota in 2023, I served on the Capital Improvement Budget commission for the city of St Paul and enjoyed it. I really felt like I was having an impact in the community. My husband and I purchased a home in New Brighton and therefore I am no longer allowed to serve the city of St Paul and I would love to continue giving back to my community.

Please list any related work, volunteer or educational experiences that could help you in this role:

My occupation is corporate accountant and I have served as a commissioner for the city of St Paul since I relocated to Minnesota.

Please list any civic, professional and / or community organizations in New Brighton that you are involved with:

What do you hope to accomplish through serving?

I love being involved in the community and I feel like I am having an impact by serving on a commission.

Additional Comments:

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- ☒ No
☐ Yes

If yes, provide your phone number here:

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- ☐ No
☒ Yes. Please contact me about leadership opportunities that arise in the next year.

Please type your name in lieu of a written signature.*

Date

Robert Brian Jackson

05/12/2025

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Commission Application - Submission #3825

Date Submitted: 3/7/2025

First Name

Mark

Last Name

Lindley

Street Address

[REDACTED]

City

New Brighton

Zip Code

55112

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Phone Number

[REDACTED]

How many years have you
been a New Brighton
resident?

New resident

Availability (Please list specific days or times you are NOT available):

I have no availability issues.

Please indicate which of these commissions you are most interested in applying for:

- ☐ Economic Development Commission (Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30am)
- ☒ Equity Commission (Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm)
- ☐ Parks, Recreation and Environmental Commission (Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm)
- ☒ Planning Commission (Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm)
- ☒ Public Safety Commission (Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm)

Which type of position are you applying for?

Adult Commissioner



Why do you want to serve on a City Commission?

While I am a new resident of New Brighton — we close on our home on March 17 — my wife and I have lived in Saint Paul for seven years.

I am a proponent of civic and community involvement, having served on a number of commissions and associations throughout my life. I believe that a community is only as strong as its citizens, and that we all have a responsibility to make our community safe, successful and welcoming for all of our neighbors.

I am eager to continue this history of involvement in our new home. I will be a tireless advocate for the town of New Brighton and its citizens.

Please list any related work, volunteer or educational experiences that could help you in this role:

I have served on the following civic, community and business organizations:

Secretary, Ivy League Condominium Homeowners Association, 2022-2025
Commissioner, Saint Paul Historic Preservation Commission, 2023-2025
Communications Chair, (Saint Paul) Summit Hill Association, 2021-2024
Chapter President, Western Suburban Chapter, Greater Chicagoland Executive Committee, 2017-2019

Please list any civic, professional and / or community organizations in New Brighton that you are involved with:

I have not served on any organizations in New Brighton yet.

What do you hope to accomplish through serving?

Whenever I have had the opportunity to serve, I have had three primary objectives:

- 1: Act as a conduit: bringing neighbors' concerns, thoughts and ideas to our elected and government officials, while at the same time sharing our government's actions and plans to the community at large.
- 2: Act as an advocate: work with colleagues to build and maintain a vibrant, safe and welcoming community for residents and visitors alike.
- 3: Be an active listener: Hear the ideas, thoughts and concerns voiced by all parties. The more we listen, the more we learn. And the more we learn, the stronger we are — as neighbors, leaders and citizens.

Additional Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts. I would welcome the opportunity to serve alongside you.

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Commission Application - Submission #5107

Date Submitted: 10/6/2025

First Name

Nathan

Last Name

Marszalek

Street Address

[REDACTED]

City

New Brighton

Zip Code

55112

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Phone Number

[REDACTED]

**How many years have you
been a New Brighton
resident?**

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Availability (Please list specific days or times you are NOT available):

thursdays, weekends, school hours

Please indicate which of these commissions you are most interested in applying for:

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- ☐ Public Safety Commission (Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm)

Which type of position are you applying for?

Student Commissioner



Why do you want to serve on a City Commission?

I would like to serve on the City Commission to both understand how cities like this function as well as contribute to my community in a meaningful way. I have lived in New Brighton for 6 years and have come here for school as well as been involved in the community here for my entire life. I grew up playing with my friends in parks like Hansen, and have attended Moundsview Schools since kindergarten. Serving on the City Commission would be an opportunity for me to give back to the community that has played a large role in my childhood and who I am today.

Please list any related work, volunteer or educational experiences that could help you in this role:

- I took AP Macroeconomics in high school and I greatly enjoyed the subject.
- I am a teacher at the St. Paul Art Academy where I lead a group of children 8-11 in developing artistic skills like pen & ink and advanced watercolor.
- I am the captain of my club soccer team.
- I am a member of the Irondale Orchestra Program
- I am on the Irondale honor roll with a 4.0+ GPA
- I am a certified US Soccer referee and referee youth games around the Twin Cities

Please list any civic, professional and / or community organizations in New Brighton that you are involved with:

What do you hope to accomplish through serving?

To represent the voices of younger people in matters that are highly important to both us and others.

Additional Comments:

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☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide your phone number here:

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- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes. Please contact me about leadership opportunities that arise in the next year.

Please type your name in lieu of a written signature.*

Date

Nathan Marszalek

10/6/2025

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Commission Application - Submission #4933

Date Submitted: 9/15/2025

First Name

Maeve

Last Name

Lavin

Street Address

[REDACTED]

City

Minneapolis

Zip Code

55421

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Phone Number

[REDACTED]

How many years have you been a New Brighton resident?

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Availability (Please list specific days or times you are NOT available):

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- ☐ Public Safety Commission (Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm)

Which type of position are you applying for?

Student Commissioner



Why do you want to serve on a City Commission?

I believe my voice matters and that I need to use my voice for a better purpose. Getting involved in the Planning commission would be an excellent way to do that. I take the environment very seriously, so working in areas like land use as well as urban planning would be the perfect way to make a difference while also working on something I love and care about.

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Commission Application - Submission #5117

Date Submitted: 10/7/2025

First Name

Asmaa

Last Name

Hamimoune

Street Address

[REDACTED]

City

New Brighton

Zip Code

55112

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Phone Number

[REDACTED]

**How many years have you
been a New Brighton
resident?**

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Availability (Please list specific days or times you are NOT available):

N/A

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Which type of position are you applying for?

Student Commissioner



Why do you want to serve on a City Commission?

I want to serve on a City Commission because I would like to participate in the "behind-the-scenes" aspect of my community. As a student especially, I believe that students should be able to have an influence on their surrounding environment, especially when said environment has a large influence on their lives. As a city commissioner, I hope to extend the experience I have in civics as well as community involvement in order to have a positive impact on the community of New Brighton while also learning more about the city and its inter-workings.

Please list any related work, volunteer or educational experiences that could help you in this role:

I have compiled over a hundred volunteer hours in events ranging from blood drives to managing my school's coffee shop and spirit store. These volunteer experiences have provided me with the opportunity to engage with my peers while also benefiting the community. One event that has had the largest impact on the city of New Brighton is the annual Week of Giving hosted by Irondale DECA (an association of marketing students). This event, which I have managed for the past two years, brings together the entire community in order to donate food to the Irondale pantry and Ralph Reeder. Coming together as a community of one, local businesses donate food to classes with the highest amount of donations, and students compete to win a variety of food prizes each day of the week. This experience will help me with the role as a City Commissioner because it has given me the skills needed in order to unite the large community of New Brighton in order to benefit students and the broader community.

In terms of educational experiences, I have taken a variety of advanced social studies courses that would be related to the work as a commissioner. These classes include Advanced Placement US Government and Politics, US History, World History, Macroeconomics, and Human Geography, each of which I have earned either a 5 or 4 in, the two highest possible scores on AP tests.

Please list any civic, professional and / or community organizations in New Brighton that you are involved with:

DECA: I am currently the president of Irondale's DECA chapter, which has allowed me to lead a variety of all-school events for the greater good. I have been able to raise over \$10,000 through leading certain events in which all profits go towards the pantry.

Student Council: As the president of Student Council and representing over 1800 voices of the Irondale student body, I am required to represent the concerns of all who are a part of the Irondale community. Hosting events such as Trunk or Treat, which brings elementary and middle schoolers across the district to high school students who pass out candy from their cars, or Trick or Canning, in which neighborhoods across New Brighton donate bags of food to Ralph Reeder, has allowed me to have an impact on the community of New Brighton.

Speech, Debate, Model United Nations, and Youth in Government: As a member of YIG and Speech, captain of debate, and president and founder of Model United Nations, I have been given the opportunity to engage with fellow civically engaged peers in order to learn more about the workings of society. These experiences have allowed me to engage in the community, not directly, but more in the aspect where I gain the necessary knowledge in order to do so in the future.

What do you hope to accomplish through serving?

Through serving, I hope to further the voice and the influence I have on the community of New Brighton. I strive to move my impact outside of simply Irondale and be able to have a positive impact on the entirety of the city. More specifically, I hope to transfer the work I put into the City Commission into my work at Irondale, especially bringing opportunities such as being a City Commissioner to students who are interested.

Additional Comments:

N/A

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Commission Application - Submission #5121

Date Submitted: 10/7/2025

First Name

Sumaya

Last Name

Ali

Street Address

City

Saint Paul

Zip Code

55112

Email Address

Phone Number

How many years have you been a New Brighton resident?

3 years

Availability (Please list specific days or times you are NOT available):

Weekends

Please indicate which of these commissions you are most interested in applying for:

- ☐ Economic Development Commission (Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30am)
- ☐ Equity Commission (Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm)
- ☐ Parks, Recreation and Environmental Commission (Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm)
- ☒ Planning Commission (Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm)
- ☐ Public Safety Commission (Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm)

Which type of position are you applying for?

Student Commissioner



Why do you want to serve on a City Commission?

I want to serve on New Brighton's Planning Commission because I care about our city and want to help make decisions that improve our community. I'm excited to learn about how planning works and be involved in shaping our city's future.

Please list any related work, volunteer or educational experiences that could help you in this role:

I have experience organizing school events and fundraisers, which taught me how to plan, coordinate, and work with a team to achieve community goals. Volunteering in Child care and managing social media for a small business strengthened my communication and organizational skills, which I can bring to the Planning Commission.

Please list any civic, professional and / or community organizations in New Brighton that you are involved with:

None currently but I'm Interested in being more involved in my community.

What do you hope to accomplish through serving?

Through serving I hope to learn more about how city planning and development decisions are made and how they impact our community. I wanna contribute to my ideas and support decisions that make our city a better place for everyone.

Additional Comments:

I am excited for the opportunity to serve on the Planning Commission and help shape New Brighton's future. My experience organizing school events and volunteering has given me strong communication, problem-solving, and teamwork skills that I am eager to contribute to the commission's work.

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☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide your phone number here:

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- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes. Please contact me about leadership opportunities that arise in the next year.

Please type your name in lieu of a written signature.*

Date

Sumaya Ali

October 7, 2025

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Commission Application - Submission #5090

Date Submitted: 10/2/2025

First Name

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Last Name

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Street Address

City

Zip Code

New Brighton

55112

Email Address

Phone Number

How many years have you
been a New Brighton
resident?

1

Availability (Please list specific days or times you are NOT available):

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Please indicate which of these commissions you are most interested in applying for:

- ☒ Economic Development Commission (Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30am)
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- ☐ Parks, Recreation and Environmental Commission (Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm)
- ☐ Planning Commission (Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm)
- ☐ Public Safety Commission (Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm)

Which type of position are you applying for?

Student Commissioner



Why do you want to serve on a City Commission?

I recently came to New Brighton in the beginning of my junior year of high school, and it was a changing-experience for my academics and my overall trajectory of life. I was able to meet new people who have inspired me to think differently about my future, and I've joined new activities that have helped me with my career - like my clubs or internships that were possible with the resources provided by Irondale. As a result, I want to help support the community that also supported me. Additionally, I want to work with peers who are also similar minded and have the same interests for economic development commission. I also want to grow my leadership and teamwork skills, and I am sure this commission proves me the opportunity in doing so.

Please list any related work, volunteer or educational experiences that could help you in this role:

Co-President of Irondale High School – Have around 30 hours of volunteering experience and am in charge of promoting opportunities for volunteering to our club of 90+ members.

High School Curriculum Developer at Hackonomics – Assisted in developing curriculum content for Hackonomics' economics competition, focusing on tax systems and credit literacy.

Internship at Stevelear.org (Financial Curriculum Development) – Learned about business, entrepreneurship, and finance while creating curriculum content.

Math Team Member – Involved for a few years, able to help with crunching numbers and problem-solving.

Young Genesys Professional – Gained proficiency in business software tools essential for tracking business growth. Also developed foundational teamwork and collaboration skills.

Investment and Finance Intern at IronStrong Health – Built finance and technical skills related to analyzing data and crunching numbers.

Please list any civic, professional and / or community organizations in New Brighton that you are involved with:

N/A

What do you hope to accomplish through serving?

I hope to contribute to the economic growth of New Brighton by working with peers from different communities to explore new ideas and opportunities. I want to take part in large-scale projects that can make a positive impact on the city and its residents. Through these experiences, I also hope to learn more about how businesses operate, how to bring new initiatives to life, and how to create lasting value for the community.

Additional Comments:

N/A

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Commission Application - Submission #4885

Date Submitted: 9/5/2025

First Name

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Last Name

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Street Address

City

Zip Code

Email Address

Phone Number

**How many years have you
been a New Brighton
resident?**

8 ish

Availability (Please list specific days or times you are NOT available):

Please indicate which of these commissions you are most interested in applying for:

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- ☐ Public Safety Commission (Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm)

Which type of position are you applying for?

Student Commissioner



Why do you want to serve on a City Commission?

To gain a leadership experience

Please list any related work, volunteer or educational experiences that could help you in this role:

I have been a part of the leadership development program of camp northern lights for two years

Please list any civic, professional and / or community organizations in New Brighton that you are involved with:

Nope

What do you hope to accomplish through serving?

To make a better community for my family and friends

Additional Comments:

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☒ No

☐ Yes

If yes, provide your phone number here:

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☐ No

☒ Yes. Please contact me about leadership opportunities that arise in the next year.

Please type your name in lieu of a written signature.*

Date

AJ Millios

9/5/25

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New Brighton

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How many years have you been a New Brighton resident?

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Which type of position are you applying for?

Student Commissioner ▾

Why do you want to serve on a City Commission?

I live in New Brighton and love the city. Being able to improve the city I live in for my family and community would be amazing! Walking around I see so many things that I dream I could collaborate on. Using our available means to bring more vibrancy and culture would mean the world to me!

Please list any related work, volunteer or educational experiences that could help you in this role:

I volunteer already at the New Brighton Library and would love to help out here too! I work at Minneapolis Parks and Recreation watching kids so I know what a thriving community is looking for. I'm also currently taking a class on civil engineering and would love to apply any skills I learn here.

Please list any civic, professional and / or community organizations in New Brighton that you are involved with:

What do you hope to accomplish through serving?

I hope to bring vibrance and life to the community and make living in New Brighton jsut a little better for everyone!

Additional Comments:

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- ☐ No
☐ Yes

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Commission Application - Submission #5060

Date Submitted: 9/27/2025

First Name

Jiewen

Last Name

Zheng

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City

New Brighton

Zip Code

55112

Email Address

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Phone Number

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How many years have you been a New Brighton resident?

7

Availability (Please list specific days or times you are NOT available):

All day from on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 4PM or before on Friday, 5PM or before on Saturday and Sunday.

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- ☐ Public Safety Commission (Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm)

Which type of position are you applying for?

Student Commissioner



Why do you want to serve on a City Commission?

I believe that New Brighton is a wonderful place to live, but as with all cities, there are improvements that could be made to better the community and the people residing within. As a student who lives in New Brighton and attending Saint Anthony village High school, I see the first hand impacts of how our local elected officials made important decisions that affect not only myself, but all those around me. It inspired me to pursue a role that is a part of that decision making process, where I can contribute to tangible changes in my community. As a student, I bring a unique perspective where I can best represent other younger community members in New Brighton. Unfortunately, student voices are not often represented in any level of government; however, young people interact with all parts of the city whether or not that's through the library, the school system, different businesses, or just walking through a park. Equitable opportunities are one of my biggest priorities, making sure that everyone is able to access opportunities in the city without barriers and to protect young people's access to public spaces to participate in different enrichments. Beyond that, I am able to gain valuable experience in how local governance works and better civically engage myself with the works of the city. Policies that strengthen social cohesion and improves public spaces/resources to the public is one of the most tangible actions a city can pursue to in order to have people in the community see real change. I am willing to put myself into a commission, engage myself, and listen to a wide variety of perspectives to make the most ideal recommendation to the council. Ultimately, I want to reflect the young voices across New Brighton and make them be heard in a commission that is able to provide recommendations to the council which could result in changes in everyone's lives.

Please list any related work, volunteer or educational experiences that could help you in this role:

I been a participate in the MN YMCA Youth in Government program where high school students from across the state come together in order to be civically engaged and learn the different ways of how state government works. Both years, I've participated in the courts program and had been given the opportunity to serve as an appointed official (judge) in the program last conference. I believe already having a fundamental understanding in the ways and means the government works will be extremely beneficial to understanding the issues in the community and effectively come up with possible solutions. In addition, I'm a student ambassador at St. Anthony Village High School (SAVHS) for the Youth Voter Project (TYVP) where we help 16-17 year olds pre-register to vote. TYVP is a student-led non-profit that helps promote pre-registration among high school students from across Minnesota and I've had the privilege to serve as an ambassador and coordinate pre registration drives at my school. In a couple of weeks, I will be serving as an intern under state Representative Feist and state Sen. Scott Dibble on a guardianship work group in the capital. I've also participated in MN Model United Nations (MUN) in April where I was a part of the human rights council representing the United States. Through that role, I better understood the different human rights issues in the world and I actively engaged with my fellow delegates to create solutions to those issues. Overall, all these different roles I am associated with had better helped me understand the complexity behind decision making and solution creating which are critical skills needed to be able to collaborate on the commission.

Please list any civic, professional and / or community organizations in New Brighton that you are involved with:

I am not participating in any organizations specifically in New Brighton.

What do you hope to accomplish through serving?

Through serving on the commission, I hope to accomplish a couple of things.

1. I want to ensure the perspectives of students are accurately included in conversations and discussions we have at the commission. This means bringing up ideas from student community members and ensuring all policy decisions include perspectives from young community members. Broader community policies is #1 in my mind; making sure that whatever recommendation we will be giving to the council is as representative as possible to the people in New Brighton (keeping in mind with the diverse needs of the community).
2. I hope to contribute valuable perspectives to the commission, especially my unique role as a student commissioner. The development of inclusive and thoughtful recommendations on issues surrounding equity, urban planning, or different aspects within New Brighton. Beyond that, the more important thing is making sure solutions are sustainable, that they will continue to benefit the community not just for weeks or months, but for years after the institution of such policy. I want to voice my opinions and reasonable input on the commission while making sure I'm listening to other valuable voices on the commission.
3. Install in greater understanding of local government and how important policy is on the people. I want to become better at collaborative problem-solving by active engagement with all commission members. By serving, I hope this experience will help me grow as a more engaged member of our democracy and as a civic-minded leader.

Additional Comments:

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☒ No

☐ Yes

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- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes. Please contact me about leadership opportunities that arise in the next year.

Please type your name in lieu of a written signature.*

Date

Jiewen Zheng

09/27/2025

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Commission Application - Submission #5105

Date Submitted: 10/6/2025

First Name

Last Name

Street Address

City

Zip Code

Email Address

Phone Number

How many years have you been a New Brighton resident?

Availability (Please list specific days or times you are NOT available):

Evenings can be difficult but if dates are planned with advance I shouldn't have any problem with availability.

Please indicate which of these commissions you are most interested in applying for:

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- ☐ Public Safety Commission (Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm)

Which type of position are you applying for?

Student Commissioner



Why do you want to serve on a City Commission?

Serving on a City Commission is an opportunity to influence New Brighton's development in various areas and also would allow me to form an important link between myself and city leaders. Aside from this, I am interested in working to achieve equity in a City that has served me so well.

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- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes. Please contact me about leadership opportunities that arise in the next year.

Please type your name in lieu of a written signature.*

Date

Irie Haig

10/6/2025