



MISSISSIPPI  
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# Request for Board Action

Attachment 4.1

**Agenda Item:** Appointment of Community Advisory Committee Member

**Presenter:** A. Flett

**Meeting Date:** 10 March 2026

**Flexibility:**  Yes  No

**Estimated Time:**  Consent Agenda  10 Min.  15 Min.  30 Min.  45 Min.  1 Hour

**Action Request:**  Information/Review  Motion to approve  Budget Change  Other

**Board Action:**  Approved  Denied  Tabled  Accepted Report  Other

**Date of Action:** 10 March 2026

## Background

Kimberly is a dedicated resident of Minneapolis and a Water Resources Engineer at the consulting firm SRF, working to help communities with a variety of civil engineering projects with a focus on protecting water quality. She specializes in hydraulic & hydrologic (H&H) modeling and has a unique skill set that is not currently represented on the committee.

Kimberly has also worked with MWMO on a past feasibility study to improve water quality outcomes along the Lowry Avenue corridor in Northeast. She provides new perspectives from her respective communities and organizations in Minneapolis and the Lynnhurst area, and as an individual in our watershed with truly relevant and beneficial expertise that could serve the CAC for years to come.

The MWMO staff recommends the Board appoint Kimberly Baker to the at-large Advisor Committee seat. This would fill an open seat that was recently vacated by Sam Westlund.

Applications, resumes and letters of support provided by new applicants are attached – ATT 4.1.2 to ATT 4.1.4.

## **CAC Membership Policy**

All positions:

Preference is given to applicants who are:

- Residents of the MWMO
- Residents of a subwatershed flowing into the MWMO
- Employer or employee in the MWMO
- Employer or employee from a subwatershed flowing into the MWMO

### ***Current open and filled positions on the CAC:***

Columbia Heights (one): Sarah Evenson

Fridley (one): Open

Hilltop (one): Open

Lauderdale (one): Open

Minneapolis Communities (five):

North: Akia Vang

Northeast: Mary Fitzgerald

Downtown: Gareth Becker

South: Open

Southwest: Jared Langer

Saint Anthony Village: Natalie Warren (applicant)

Saint Paul (one): Open

### ***At-Large Positions (five):***

***NOTE: At-large representatives cannot all be from the same city***

Perry Dean (Minneapolis)

Allison Graper (Minneapolis)

**Kimberly Baker (Minneapolis — current applicant)**

# Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

## RESOLUTION 2026-007

### A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEMBER

WHEREAS, The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) fulfills legislative requirements for watershed management organizations (Minnesota Rules 8410); and

WHEREAS, The CAC meets at the request of the MWMO Board of Commissioners to assist the MWMO in managing the water resources of the Mississippi Watershed; and

WHEREAS, The MWMO CAC Policy requires approval of CAC member appointments by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners appoint the attached new applicant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MWMO Board of Commissioners appoints Kimberly Baker to the Community Advisory Committee to represent the watershed At-Large and authorizes MWMO staff to take all necessary actions to implement this resolution.

Adopted this on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

Review for the Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Connie Buesgens, Chair

Review for Administration: \_\_\_\_\_

Kevin Reich, Executive Director