

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 21, 2024
TO: Mayor Lankford and City Council
FROM: Mercy Rushing, MEDC Executive Director
SUBJECT: MEDC Board Member New Appointment
City Council Agenda Item for June 24, 2024

Background Information:

An opening due to the resignation of board member Becky Moore because of their relocation to the city of Henderson to be closer to their kids and grandkids. Ms. Moore resignation accepted unanimously with regrets at the last MEDC meeting May 28, 2024.

The City of Mineola City Secretary Office and Marketing dept. posted on Facebook and our Mineola website that we are looking for volunteers for board members and we received two candidates for one (1) opening for our MEDC Board. The appointment will follow Ms. Becky Moore term till September 30, 2025, and will be considered for renewal when the term is up.

See attached application. You will have a ballot for you each to mark your selection for a new board member. Please give your ballot after voting to Cindy or Mercy.

1. Janell Abbott - Ms. Abbott is a retired MISD math teacher and is the wife of the late Dr. John Abbott of Mineola. Janell resides inside the city limits at 222 Lakeside Place, Spring Lake subdivision. She is continually active in our community through the Mineola Pilot Club, where she served in different offices, including past president and several committees. She participated in our 150th Royalty Court for the City and she is currently serving on the Caring & Sharing Board. Janell and her late husband were incredibly involved with Caring & Sharing for many years in Mineola. Ms. Janell Abbott is a long-time resident of the City of Mineola. Ms. Abbott currently does not serve on any other City Board. Receive her application on June 2, 2024.

2. Jared Smith - Mr. Smith is currently the CEO of UT Health Hospital in Quitman. Jared lives at 1200 Bromberg Street, Apt. 3303 inside the City of Mineola. He engages in different Health care boards throughout the County and Chamber of Commerce boards in several communities. Mr. Smith is continually active in our community as well as others within our county. Mr. Smith currently sits on our Planning & Zoning Board for the City of Mineola. Received his application on May 21, 2024.

Recommendation:

Both candidates are very much eligible and very capable to serve on the MEDC board. We will be sure and keep their application on file for new opportunities as openings occur for the MEDC and City Boards.