



Metropolitan Council Office of the Vice Mayor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metro Council Members
FROM: Vice Mayor Angie Emery Henderson
DATE: March 31, 2025
RE: NOTICE OF NASHVILLE & EASTERN RAIL AUTHORITY AND CHEATHAM COUNTY RAIL AUTHORITY VACANCIES

Notice is hereby given of one vacancy on the Nashville & Eastern Rail Authority and one vacancy on the Cheatham County Rail Authority. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-56-201, et seq., Resolution No. R88-178, and Resolution No. R88-499, the Metropolitan Council is to select one member of each rail authority. The vacancies are the result of the June 1, 2025, expiration of the terms of Councilmember Erin Evans and Councilmember Joy Styles, respectively. Nominees must be at least twenty-five years of age and have resided in Davidson County for at least one year. Members of these authorities serve terms lasting two years. While the current representatives are Members of Council, State law does not limit representation on the authorities to Members of Council. Members of the public are eligible to be selected.

For background, in 1988 pursuant to the state and local laws referenced hereinabove, the Metropolitan Council approved the establishment of these authorities for the continuation of their rail services. The Nashville & Eastern Rail Authority owns the rail line from Nashville to Monterey, Tennessee; the Cheatham County Rail Authority owns the rail line from 11th Avenue and Herman Street to Ashland City, Tennessee.

The procedure for filling vacancies on the Nashville & Eastern Rail Authority and the Cheatham County Rail Authority is set forth in Council Rule No. 50. The timeframe for this process will be as follows:

- This memorandum shall constitute notice to all members of the Council of **one vacancy** on the Nashville & Eastern Rail Authority, and **one vacancy** on the Cheatham County Rail Authority.
- **Members of the Council will be called upon to make nominations at the regular Council meeting on April 15, 2025 to fill the vacancies.**
- Nominees will be notified by the Metropolitan Clerk to meet with the Council's Rules, Confirmations, and Public Elections Committee on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. Any nominee who does not appear before the Rules Committee on May 6, 2025, shall be deemed to have withdrawn their name from nomination.

- An election to fill the vacancies will be conducted at the May 20, 2025, Council meeting. It is not required for the nominee to be present on the evening of the election, but they are very welcome to attend.

Should you have any questions regarding the procedure for filling this vacancy, please contact Margaret Darby.

cc: Marjorie Pomeroy-Wallace, Office of Mayor Freddie O'Connell
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Austin Kyle, Metropolitan Clerk