



MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE METRO PLANNING COMMISSION
FROM: METRO NASHVILLE PLANNING DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF EAST BANK DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER
DATE: AUGUST 18, 2026

BACKGROUND

The East Bank Design Review Committee (EB DRC) is established to review applications within the East Use Area of the Downtown Code (DTC) zoning district. The DTC recognizes that deviations from the design standards of the Downtown Code from time to time require the exercise of judgment and that design and business representatives from within the community should inform the exercise of that judgment.

The East Bank Design Review Committee is comprised of eight (8) voting members. One member shall be nominated by each of the following with confirmation by the Planning Commission: Chamber of Commerce, Civic Design Center, and the Urban Land Institute. One member shall be appointed by each the following: Mayor, Vice-Mayor (on behalf of the Metro Council), the Planning Commission and the District Council Member.

Members are familiar with the East Bank area and have knowledge of development, design, and land use practices. Each member shall be a design professional, with a degree or several years of experience in architecture, landscape architecture, planning or urban design. The member nominated by the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce is exempt from this requirement. The member appointed by the Urban Land Institute shall be a licensed architect or landscape architect.

The Urban Land Institute has nominated Kelsey Oesmann Wilson for its representation on the EB DRC.

Kelsey is a Principal at Nelson Community Partners, an affordable housing and community development firm, where she manages a pipeline of more than 250 affordable housing units across six projects valued at over \$100M. She is a licensed architect and previously spent seven years with Urban Housing Solutions, Nashville's leading nonprofit provider of affordable housing, as an Enterprise Rose Fellow. As a Fellow, Kelsey was jointly hosted by the Civic Design Center, where she designed The Game of Rent board game and Affordable Housing 101 community teaching tool to combat harmful stereotypes and misconceptions about affordable housing. She is currently the co-chair of the Housing Action Council and serves on the Advisory Board for ULI Nashville.

In addition, Kelsey serves on the Board of Directors for local nonprofits Neighbor 2 Neighbor and Open Table Nashville. She is a founding board member of the Tennessee chapter of the Women's Affordable Housing Network (TNWAHN). Prior to moving to Nashville in 2017, Kelsey designed mixed-use, retail, and multifamily projects in the Washington, DC area. She earned her Bachelor of Architecture from Virginia Tech in 2014.

The one (1) nomination satisfies the prerequisites to serve on the EB DRC and staff recommends confirmation thereof.