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The Minneapolis Foundation Welcomes New Trustees to Board of Directors

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The Minneapolis Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of two new Trustees to its Board of Directors. Gary Cunningham and Tonya Hampton joined the Board at a meeting last week.



Gary Cunningham is President and CEO of the Metropolitan Economic Development Association. Previously, he worked at the Northwest Area Foundation, NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center, Hennepin County, Scott County, and Minneapolis Public Schools. Cunningham presently serves on the Metropolitan Council in the Twin Cities and as a board member of the Association of Black Foundation Executives, a trustee of the Metropolitan State University Foundation, a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, and a board member of the Loppet Foundation.



Tonya Hampton, EdD, is the Senior Director of Diversity, Inclusion, and Engagement at HealthPartners, based in Minnesota. Before joining HealthPartners in 2012, Tonya worked at Medtronic, Accenture, Ecolab, Best Buy, Honeywell, Piper Jaffray and Dorsey and Whitney. She is currently a board member of The Bridge for Youth organization, board chair of Honoring Women Worldwide, a council member of Governor Dayton's Employment Practices Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and an active member of the Minneapolis-St. Paul chapter of The Links and the Minneapolis chapter of the Jack and Jill Organization of America.

"The Foundation looks for people with a diversity of skills and backgrounds to help guide our work," said Sandra Vargas, President and CEO of The Minneapolis Foundation. "Gary and Tonya bring valuable experience and perspectives to The Minneapolis Foundation board, which includes more than two dozen corporate and civic leaders from across the Twin Cities. I look forward to their contributions."

At last week's meeting, the Board thanked departing members Andy Herring, Nancy Siska, and David Sternberg for their service. The Board also elected new officers as follows: Norman Rickeman as Chair, Nekima Levy-Pounds as Vice Chair, Sven Wehrwein as Treasurer, and Suzanne Koeplinger as Secretary.

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