

Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission

Membership Roster for 2026

The Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission (MTAC) was established in 2004 by the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB). The charge of the MTAC is to provide advice on the enhancement of the Minneapolis urban forest and its long-term health. The goals are to coordinate issues related to trees across City jurisdictions; to evaluate issues related to trees; to report annually to the MPRB and City Council; and to explore new ways to acquire resources that increase support for urban forest establishment and management.

There are currently 18 voting MTAC members representing specific agencies and geographic areas of the City. These are as follows:

1. Citizen Representative – At Large: **Erika Commers**
2. Citizen Representative – MPRB Commissioner District 1: **Drew Peterson**
3. Citizen Representative – MPRB Commissioner District 2: **Giuseppe Marrari ***
4. Citizen Representative – MPRB Commissioner District 3: **Karl Kussow**
5. Citizen Representative – MPRB Commissioner District 4: **Mary Bolla**
6. Citizen Representative – MPRB Commissioner District 5: **Tim Keane ***
7. Citizen Representative – MPRB Commissioner District 6: **Barb Schlaefer**
8. MPRB Commissioner - **Daniel Engelhart / District 1**
9. City Council Member or designate: **Elizabeth Shaffer - City Council Member / Ward 7**
10. Tree Care Professional members: **Noah Devlaminck, Erick Lopez**
11. Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee member: VACANT
12. City Trees Program: **Shahin Khalili**
13. Business / Development representative: **Michael Keenan**
14. MPRB Director of Forestry: **Chris McMaster**
15. City Public Works representatives: **Ahmed Omer, Ethan Van Offelen**
16. Mayor or designee: **Don Willeke**
17. University of Minnesota representative: **Peter MacDonagh**
18. Minneapolis Public Schools representative: **Daniel Goemann**

Members of the MTAC are all volunteers. Meetings are held at the Mary Merrill Headquarters Building located at 2117 West River Road N. from 5:30PM to 7:00PM on the third Thursday of each month (with adjustments for conflicting holidays). Those interested in attending a meeting remotely should request a Zoom link by emailing forestry@minneapolisparks.org.

* Co-Chairperson

<https://www.minneapolisparks.org/park-care-improvements/trees/minneapolis-tree-advisory-commission/>

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