

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee

March 25, 2025

Agenda Item 3a

Election for 2025 Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee Chair

Subject:

Election of a chair for the 2025 calendar year.

Background:

The election of a chair will take place at the March 25, 2025 meeting for the 2025 term.

Following is the most recent list of nominees:

Nominees for Chair:

- John Parker, Jr.

A copy of the biographies of the nominees are attached. Should you have further nominations, please do not hesitate to contact Ky-Nam Miller at kmiller@bayareametro.gov and Martha Silver at MSilver@bayareametro.gov. Nominations will also be accepted from subcommittee members at the March 25, 2025 meeting. The chair position is typically a two-year term (effective upon election). However, this term will end in December 2025 given the planned transition of the Policy Advisory Council into a new MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council in 2026.

Rules:

- Every subcommittee member must state their preference or abstain from voting via roll call vote.
- Winning candidate gets 50% + 1 of present eligible votes (i.e., if all 26 members are present, the magic number to be elected would be 14).
- If no candidate wins, another round with lowest voted candidate(s) removed.
- In the event of a tie, candidates may opt to remove themselves from vote, subcommittee members may change votes, and another round of votes will be conducted.

Key Instructions for nominating and voting:

- The candidates' names will be stated before the vote is conducted
- For the actual vote, when your last name is called, please share your vote, stating the candidate you wish to vote for or 'Abstain.'

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Approval

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Biographies of the Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee Chair Candidates

Biographies of the Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee Chair Candidates'**Nominees for Chair**

Johnny Parker is the Branch Head/Supervising Librarian for the Vacaville Town Square Library of Solano County. He has 20 years of military and public government experience, specializing in community outreach. Johnny is a disabled veteran, and since 2016 has worked with various Bay Area disability organizations, such as Disabled American Veterans. He served in military operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, earning the National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award, and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor. After serving four years in the United States Air Force and 10 years for the Las Vegas Public Library, the San Franciscan relocated back to the Bay Area in 2016 and was surprised by the many changes that the Bay Area has experienced.

Along with leading a public library branch in Solano County, Johnny also provides outreach to communities of color, including a [Reading at the Barbershop program](#), where he distributes free books to barbershops and salons in Fairfield, Vacaville and Vallejo. This outreach encourages young boys of color to read at an early age and raises their reading level to be on par with their peers. Johnny has an A.A.S. in Information Technology from the Community College of the Air Force, a B.S. in Management from National American University, an M.B.A. in HR Management from the University of Phoenix and an M.S. In Information Science from the University of Tennessee.



John Parker, Jr.

Representing the People of
Color Community in
Solano County