



Department Details

Department name: BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD #43 (SOUTH 27th STREET)

Type: Board or Commission

Meeting time:

Meeting location:

Primary contact:

Description:

PURPOSE: Section 66.1109, Wis. Stats., allows cities to create one or more business improvement districts to develop, manage and promote the district. They are further permitted to establish an assessment method to fund the activities to be undertaken by the district. All of the foregoing are described in an annual operating plan which is prepared by the district board and approved by the Common Council. The operating plan also describes the amount of the special assessment to be levied against each property in the district.

District Number 43 is comprised of the area along S. 27th St. from Oklahoma Ave. on the north to College Ave. on the south including properties along the Kinnickinnic River parkway.

COMPOSITION: Minimum of five members. At least 60% of the members must be owners or occupants of property within the District. Any non-owner or non-occupant appointed to the Board shall be a resident of the City of Milwaukee. Members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council. Terms of office are three years, staggered.

A member continues to serve after the completion of his or her term until reappointed or until a successor has been appointed.

CREATING AUTHORITY: Section 66.1109, Wis. Stats. and Common Council Files 090560.

SALARY: None

STAFFING: Matthew Rejc, Neighborhood Business Development Administrator, mrejc@milwaukee.gov, 414-286-5842

LAST UPDATED: October 23, 2025

Name	Title	Start Date	End Date	
David Garzon	Member	9/9/2021	9/9/2024	*
Appointed By: Mayor Tom Barrett				
Hetal Patel	Member	10/22/2025	10/22/2028	*
Appointed By: Mayor Cavalier Johnson				

Jeffrey Steren	Member	10/22/2025	10/22/2028	*
Appointed By: Mayor Cavalier Johnson				
Peter Liapis	Member	11/6/2025	11/6/2028	*
Appointed By: Mayor Cavalier Johnson				
Robert Montemayor	Member	10/22/2025	10/22/2028	*
Appointed By: Mayor Cavalier Johnson				
Ruth Gutowski	Member	11/12/2025	11/12/2028	*
Appointed By: Mayor Cavalier Johnson				
Sylvestra Ramirez	Member	11/30/2020	11/30/2023	*
Appointed By: Mayor Tom Barrett				

* indicates extended term