

 <p>CITY OF ST. CHARLES ILLINOIS • 1834</p>	AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY		Agenda Item number: IIB
	Title:	Presentation of a Recommendation from Mayor Lora Vitek to Approve Appointments of New Members to City Boards and Commissions	
	Presenter:	Mayor Lora Vitek	
Meeting: City Council		Date: May 6, 2024	
Proposed Cost: \$		Budgeted Amount: \$	Not Budgeted: <input type="checkbox"/>
Executive Summary <i>(if not budgeted please explain):</i>			
<p>Request favorable consideration of appointments of new members to City Boards and Commissions to fill vacancies.</p> <p>Gina Lawson– Plan Commission – Term exp. 4/30/2028 Thomas Straiker – Youth Commission – Term exp. 4/30/2026</p>			
Attachments <i>(please list):</i>			
Bio / Resume of New Members			
Recommendation/Suggested Action <i>(briefly explain):</i>			
Presentation of a recommendation from Mayor Lora Vitek to approve appointments of new members to City Boards and Commissions for the noted terms.			

Gina Lawson

Gina has lived in St Charles for the past 21 years with her husband Brad and 3 children, Jack (21), Madeline (18) and Max (15) who attended D303 schools where she happily volunteered throughout the years. She is employed at Scholastic Inc., which has an office in St. Charles since 2007.

Her family loves living in St. Charles and they love attending all the special events offered throughout the year as well as all of the wonderful restaurants the City has to offer.

Tom Straiker

Contact me: [REDACTED]

St. Charles, IL

POST-CAREER OBJECTIVE

Apply my skills and experience toward improving opportunities for people.

EDUCATION

M.S. Ed. Curriculum and Instruction, Secondary Ed.

B.S. Industry and Technology

Northern IL University

SKILLS

Teaching / Training

Communication / Engagement

Leadership / Mentoring

Student advocate

Organization of work and thought

Problem-solving systems

Automotive Renovation / Service

Home Renovation / Construction

INTERESTS

Outdoor activities

Social activities

Helping people

Music

Health and Wellness

Problem-solving mechanical things

Renovation - furniture, homes,

vehicles, equipment

SERVICE

NI Food Bank - packing and sorting for distribution

Lazarus House Shelter - Food service and house help

Hot Rodders of Tomorrow - Competition Judge

AWARDS / CERTS

Illinois Teaching PEL

Kane County High School Teacher of the Year - 2013

Auto Service Excellence (5 areas)

RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

Automotive and Tech Ed Teacher

St. Charles East High School

August 2001 - May 2023 | St. Charles, IL

- Creatively designed and delivered curriculum for direct hands-on application and eventual technical certification for all students
- Placed students first in their education. Met students where they were on a daily basis and created opportunities for all to grow by fostering an environment of respect and rapport.
- Provided leadership opportunities through in-class activities, auto service and restoration projects, community service and student-run club, employment, and involvement in national competitions such as SkillsUSA and Hot Rodders of Tomorrow.
- Created and maintained an automotive advisory team made up of local shop owners, managers, personnel, graduated auto students, parents, and school/district administrative personnel. Our team continually updated curriculum and connected students to automotive careers.
- Researched, collected data, built proposals, and presented plans for advanced automotive courses to enhance our school offerings from 1 basic course to 3 courses culminating in vocational auto with a student run business featuring "live" service and customer interactions for students.
- Through continuing education and peer collaboration, supported and adapted state, district, and school performance goals, social-emotional learning goals, equity goals to my student's classroom experience.
- Participated in collaborative committees based around school improvement, contract negotiations, insurance, and professional learning.
- Restored / renovated multiple vehicles with students - mechanical, electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic systems as well as sheet metal, body, and paint work all done in house with students.