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Denver Mayor Michael Hancock on Thursday made appointments to several Denver Boards and Commissions, including the local Housing Authority and the high-profile Union Station project board.

Many of the appointments have already been confirmed by the Denver City Council, while several others do not require Council approval and are made and approved by the mayor.

Hancock named former interim Denver Mayor Bill Vidal to the Board of Directors of the Denver Housing Authority, an appointment that has already been approved by the City Council. Vidal's term will expire on July 20 of this year.

Barb Grogan and Elbra Wedgeworth were reappointed by Hancock to the Board of Directors of the Denver Union Station Project Authority, charged with financing and facilitating the Union Station redevelopment project. Both reappointments are awaiting approval from the City Council.

Grogan and Wedgeworth were appointed to the board in 2011. Grogan is the founder of the Western Industrial Contractors Inc., a company that specializes in the design and building of material and baggage handling and manufacturing systems. She sold her interest in the company in 2004 but remains on their board of directors. Wedgeworth is a former City Councilwoman (Dist. 8) who was key to bringing the Democratic National Convention to Denver in 2008. She served as City Council president from July 2003 to July 2005.

Both Grogan's and Wedgeworth's terms expire December 31, 2013.

Other appointments made by Hancock include:

Jeffrey Hart, reappointed to the Audit Committee. His appointment is not subject to City Council approval and his term expires on December 31, 2015.

Brian McDermott to the Board of Directors of the Colfax Business Improvement District. His appointment has been confirmed by the City Council and his term expires December 31, 2014.

Angelle Fother, Sandra Coates, Kim Bailey and Corey Johnson to the Denver African American Commission. Their appointments have been approved by the City Council and their terms expire on May 1, 2013.

Barbara Medina, Eduardo Ortega, Meshach Rhoades and Michael Bautista reappointed and Larry Trujillo, Keith Montoya and Debra Bartleson appointed to the Denver Latino Commission.

The appointments and reappointments have been confirmed by the Denver City Council and their terms expire on January 1, 2014.

Councilwoman Jeanne Faatz, Don Andriese and Steven Sandoval were reappointed and Janna Bergquist and Brendan Hanlon were appointed to the Employee Health Care Insurance Committee. The appointments and reappointments are not dependent upon City Council approval and their terms expire January 5, 2014.

Adrienne Benavidez and Cary Kennedy appointed to the Board of County Commissioners Equalization Committee. The appointments are not subject to City Council approval and the length of their terms is determined by the Mayor.