



City Council Agenda Item Report

FROM: Jamie Wolters, City Clerk

MEETING DATE: February 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Boards/Commission/Committee Appointments

DESCRIPTION:

I provided notice on January 26, 2026 that the city is accepting applications for the Board of Review. Per City Ordinance Section 152.06, appointments shall be made by the Mayor subject to the confirmation/approval of the City Council. Copies of the applications are in your meeting packet. David Isljamovski and Kathleen Quick have applied for re-appointment.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED:

N/A

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REVIEW:

Yes

LEGAL REVIEW:

N/A

SAMPLE MOTION:

Motion to re-appoint the following:

- Kathleen Quick – Board of Review – Regular – Term Ending 1/1/29.
- David Isljamovski – Board of Review – Regular – Term Ending 1/1/29.



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**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES**

Name: Kathleen Quick Home Phone:

Home/Mailing Address: 312 Hoffman St

E-mail Address: @yahoo.com

Employer: Occupation/Position:

Business Phone: Business Reference:

Are you a Saugatuck City resident? ☒ Are you a registered Saugatuck City voter? No

Do you or your employer have any business dealings with the City which might present a conflict of interest? No If yes, explain

Serving on a Board or Commission can be time-consuming. Are you committed to attending all regularly scheduled meetings? Yes

On which Boards and/or Commissions would you be willing to serve?

Board of Review Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority Planning Commission

Fire District Board Kalamazoo Lake Sewer & Water Tri-Community Non-Motorized
Trail Committee

Historic District Commission Library Board Tri-Community Wildlife
Committee

Interurban Board Parks & Public Works Committee

Compensation Commission Zoning Board of Appeals

Please describe any qualifications, expertise or special interests that relate to your possible appointment:

You may wish to submit a cover letter with your application. Please return the original to the City Clerk's office at the above address for processing. The City of Saugatuck recognizes and supports the concept of balanced representation in regard to filling vacancies on Boards and Commissions. To this end, every effort is made to appoint members who represent Saugatuck's diverse community, including citizens of all ethnic groups as well as people with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations and equal access to communication are provided upon request.

Signature: K. T. Quick Date: Feb 16, 2026

****Disclaimer:** Per the City of Saugatuck's retention schedule this application will be kept on file for twelve months, unless you are chosen to serve on a board, then this application is kept on file for the duration of your term.

COPY: Mayor City Council City Clerk

KATHLEEN THOMPSON QUICK – Board of Review Conversation

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A **consultative person** with a unique combination of industry skills, community awareness, and a deep commitment and love of Michigan's talented art community and natural gifts.

Will find new roles which well leverage my **background in planning, marketing, research**, quality, executive level strategy, and international Asian (China, Japan & India), European and Mexican experience

A leader who **loves being on a team** and wants to see Nth American based manufacturing and our Michigan communities thrive...

Kathleen understands the **tools and networks required for data gathering**, combined with the leadership skills to develop and implement "the plan."

For developing and maintaining desirable communities a key is understanding our collective needs from child-rearing to retirement life stage with the related community options/facilities/infrastructure for arts and entertainment, education, physical fitness, transportation, with access for all ages.

Homes owned in the following towns:

- Farmington Hills - Oakland County 4 years
- Novi - Oakland County 5 years
- Plymouth Township – Wayne County 16 years
- Plymouth City – 2 homes – Wayne County 10 years
- Saugatuck - Allegan County 2.5 years

Thrice requested and received a tax adjustment. Also received increases and decreases without change requests.

We have a town with unique historical older homes. I am in one built in 1863 - here since the Civil War. Honoring and maintaining historic charm is an topic/skill I want to better understand.

I retired January 25 ' and enjoyed participating on the board of review last year.

I've become more familiar with the needs of 'aging in place' in this region over the last two years. Am looking to engage more in our community in 2026.

I highlighted areas where I think my background and experience can be leveraged for a board of review role.

KATHLEEN THOMPSON QUICK

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GLOBAL MARKETING & APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE

Inspiring teams. Synthesizing concepts into cohesive actionable strategy.

Application Development | Consumer Ideation & Futuring | Product Marketing & Strategy | Research | Competitive Analysis

A consultative Application Development Director with a unique combination of high-performance materials, automotive planning, marketing, research, quality, executive level strategy, and international Asian (China, Japan & India), European and Mexican experience. A leader who loves being on a team and wants to see Nih American based manufacturing thrive.

Kathleen understands the tools and networks required for consumer and product development, intelligence gathering, supply management, combined with the leadership skills to develop and implement "the plan."

Daikin America Inc., Wixom, MI

2019 – early 2026

Senior Automotive Director, Applications Development

Tasked with and built an automotive practice that expands Daikin America's high performance plastic materials awareness and opportunities within the automotive and ESS industries. Effectively hired and expanded the teams' engagements within the industry and with specific OEM's and Tier's in the EV battery, refrigerant, motor and electrical (Single Pair Ethernet) materials applications. Successfully engaged with numerous OEM's. Hired at the Director level and promoted to Senior Director. Established the local office space. NAATBatt board member and actively engaged with leading SAE engineers / Automotive industry leaders.

Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, MI

1988 - 2017

Manager, Global Marketing Consumer Ideation and Futuring

2016 – 2017

Led the senior level Advanced Marketing Team in developing first-ever process for culling "global expert" autonomous futuring insight.

- Designed the pilot and launched worldwide "Future Consumer Mindset" Immersion Experience for core teams and employees. Leveraged experts (Futurists, Gov't, Economist, Anthropologist, Scientists) and globally utilized social science tools (observational, ethnographic) to understand future consumers.
- Developed and delivered 15 one-day senior level immersion workshops / events that places teams (~20 leaders) into a future consumer mindset critical for new programs and functional teams (ex: Finance).

Manager, Advanced Product Marketing & Strategy, Lincoln, & Global User Experience (UX)

2013 – 2016

UX – Established the first ever FMC Global UX Marketing team

- Delivered the UX research plan and team for defining the "Marketing Consumer Experience" for the 1st Autonomous Vehicles, the Truck, and the Luxury teams (this is the initial or "Discover" UX phase).
- Hired and leveraged Palo Alto team members.
- Developed a cross-functional Ideation and Co/Creation process used by all "new" product program teams. Including hosting the first 'Mustang' event.
- Defined and rolled out the Global User Experience marketing training materials, roles and responsibilities.

Lincoln - Delivered all 'Program Start' marketing milestone deliverables

- Defined Lincoln brand target customer, vehicle nomenclature, features and options, series mix and take rates.
- Established the showroom positioning/pricing strategy for Navigator, Nautilus/MKX, MKC and Aviator.
- Co-Lead the "Lincoln Design & Engineering Product Attributes Leadership (PAL) Strategy". These are the unique brand/product values distinguishing Ford from Lincoln brand and vs. competitors.

Director, Asian Market Research (Shanghai, China)

2010 - 2013

Established and led the Asian research team (14 internal direct team members in China/India/Taiwan/Australia).

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- Managed ~\$20mil annual budget delivering respected product, communications, target customer and advertising insight. Identified and built a diverse and competitive China research supply base. Promoted while in this role.
- Developed China JV Research Agreements (Changan & JMC), which enabled annual alignment on budget, projects, roles & responsibilities. Lead all program research events (from 15 to 40 global attendees)
- Exceeded regional objectives. Designed and delivered new processes enabling improved decision making for Ford and Lincoln Car, SUV and Truck product development and communications launch planning.
- Designed and developed the Lincoln 'China' Brand, Product, Dealership, Communications, Tracking studies research. Defined the 'China' Lincoln customer archetype via archetypal and ethnographic research.

Product Marketing, Planning & Strategy

2000 - 2010

Product Marketing Large Car Manager 10MY, Ford Taurus & Lincoln MKS '05-'10

- Defined and selected the target customer, features and options, series mix and take rates. Established the showroom positioning/pricing strategy. Increased revenue ~\$15mil with a new pricing and features strategy.
- Identified and delivered ~\$30 per unit platform material cost savings.

Advanced Market Strategy Manager, North America (NA) Competitive Intelligence & Volumes Planning '04-'05

- Recruited to interject competitive business intelligence implications into the Nth American cycle plan process.

Competitive Analysis / Corporate Strategy Manager (WHQ) '01-'04

- Developed & delivered a weekly competitive intelligence assessment to the executive team – it continued into '20.
- Designed, delivered and managed three competitive War Rooms (in Ford Headquarters) at the request of the CEO.
- Envisioned and launched the Competitive Intelligence Business web site, web maintenance process and archive.
- Promoted to work for the CEO team. Developed downturn scenario analysis and post recovery plan for CEO team.

Strategic Planning Supervisor '00-'01

- Recruited to weekly gather and distill the global 'Quality' inputs for the CEO's Business Intelligence Council.

Market Research Manager

(Ford Division)

1999 - 2000

- Led advertising research for Ford Div., FMC Corporate and Ford owned dealerships. Designed and delivered TV and Radio Copy Testing on >80 TV commercials. Saved ~\$100K transferring Ford Div. Adv. research (~\$2.2mil).

Marketing Planning | Purchasing

(Exterior Division)

1995 - 1999

Senior Business/Mktg Planner - Bumper, Lighting & Wiper (\$1Bil/Rev. annually). Lead for RFQ's valued at \$300mil.

Advanced Subsystem Engineering Planner – Assessed a new type of vehicle in India, saving >\$1mil.

Printed Circuit Board Buyer / Integrated Circuit Buyer - \$120 mil global circuits buy. Delivered savings of 6%.

Engineering & Quality & Manufacturing

(Electronic & Climate Control Systems)

1988 - 1995

Powertrain Supplier Technical Assistance (STA) Program Engineer

China Manufacturing Engineer - Analyzed >50 suppliers in China delivered localization requirement.

Global Quality Analyst and Coordinator - Developed division-wide statistical self-auditing system in MX, FR, UK.

Manufacturing Supervisor – Denso (Battlecreek, MI) and General Motors (Tarrytown, NY)

1985 - 1988

Education and Affiliations:

- **Master of Business Administration**, Lawrence Technological University, Michigan
- **Bachelor of Science in Economics**, Summa Cum Laude, State University of New York
- **University of Georgia**, Principles of Market Research Certification.
- **Duke University**, Marketing Training Program. Knowledge of French, Spanish, Mandarin
- **NAATBatt Board member 2023-2025**. NAATBatt promotes electrochemical energy storage technology and the revitalization of advanced battery manufacturing in NA.
- **SAE member** – active in 2026.
- Previously - **Inforum Board Member & Vice Chair** (<http://www.inforummichigan.org>). Inforum Auto Show Breakfast Chair. Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals (SCIP) S.E. Michigan Chapter Coordinator.