

## Don Merkes

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**To:** Don Merkes  
**Subject:** Expo Center Tax Advisory Committee

Dear Mayor Don Merkes,

As a 21 year resident of Menasha and active Hospitality Professional in the Fox Cities for the same duration, I would like to be considered for an appointment as the Menasha representative to the New Expo Center Tax Advisory Committee. I am very familiar with this project since I am an active participant in the Fox Cities Lodging & Hospitality Association and Fox Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau. I feel I would provide valuable input to this committee and would love to represent Menasha in this capacity.

Please contact me if you need references or have questions regarding my qualifications.  
Thank You for your consideration.

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Organization and Establishment of  
Exhibition Center Advisory Committee of the Appleton Redevelopment Authority

ARTICLE 1- NAME

The name of the advisory committee shall be the Exhibition Center Advisory Committee of the Appleton Redevelopment Authority ("Exhibition Center Advisory Committee", "Advisory Committee" or "Committee").

ARTICLE 2-PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1. Purpose- The general purpose of the Exhibition Center Advisory Committee is to represent, inform, engage and make recommendations on behalf of the stakeholders in the greater Fox Valley about the Exhibition Center Project as well as operations and management of the Exhibition Center "Center". The Committee shall strictly serve in an advisory capacity to the Appleton Redevelopment Authority ("ARA" or "Authority").

SECTION 2. Membership. The Exhibition Center Advisory Committee shall include the following: one representative from each municipality collecting hotel room tax used in part to fund the exhibition center operations [appointed by the municipality], two (2) hoteliers collecting room tax used in part to fund the exhibition center [appointed by the ARA Chairperson and approved by ARA], two (2) community members residing within a community collecting room tax used in part to fund the exhibition center operations [appointed by the ARA Chairperson and approved by ARA], one (1) member of the ARA [appointed by the ARA Chairperson] and the Executive Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, or designee. The City of Appleton Community and Economic Development Director, or designee thereof, shall also be a non-voting, advisory member of the Committee. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee shall be designated by ARA and shall serve one year terms that may be renewed at the discretion of ARA.

Committee members, with the exception of the Executive Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau and City of Appleton Community and Economic Development Director, or designees thereof, shall serve terms of two (2) years and may serve up to three (3) consecutive terms. However, upon establishment of this committee, the following shall serve an initial term of three years: (list half of the participating municipalities), one of the hotelier representatives and one of the community members.

SECTION 3. Meetings and Reports- The Committee shall hold regular meetings at such times, places and dates as may be determined by its members and provide monthly reports to ARA.

SECTION 4. Notice of Meetings- Notice of regular meetings, including the time and place, shall be provided to the members at least two business days prior to such meeting. Notice of special meetings, including the time and place therefore, shall be provided to the members at least twenty-four hours prior to such meeting. The Executive Director of the Authority shall cause

such notices to be given in person, by telephone, by mail or by email. Public notice of all Committee meetings shall be made in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

SECTION 5. Quorum- A majority of the appointed members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 6. Official Action- A vote by a majority of Committee members at any meeting where a quorum is present shall constitute official action by the Committee.

SECTION 7. Reimbursement; No Compensation. The members of the Committee shall receive no compensation or reimbursement for attending regular meetings or public functions. Reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties may be provided by the Authority, upon submission of receipts, for performance of other Committee related duties requested and approved in advance by the Authority.

SECTION 8. Committee Procedure. The Committee shall operate under the same procedural rules adopted by the Appleton Redevelopment Authority and may develop additional rules and operating procedures subject to prior approval by a majority of members of the Appleton Redevelopment Authority.