

Residential Tenancies Commission

Commissioners

Chief Commissioner

Karin Linnebach, Winnipeg +

Deputy Chief Commissioner (full-time)

Elliot Leven, Winnipeg +

Deputy Chief Commissioner (part-time)

Michelle Pollock-Kohn, Winnipeg +

Jacqueline Freedman, Winnipeg

Nikki Kagan, Winnipeg

Laura Diamond, Winnipeg

Part-time Commissioners

Jonathan Richert, Shilo (bil.)

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Miranda Lawrence, Winnipeg

Brian Kaplan, Winnipeg

Anthony Kavanagh, Winnipeg

Alison McCullough-Butchart, Winnipeg

Katherine Bueti, Winnipeg

Carolyn Frost, Winnipeg

Kelli Potter, Virden

Landlord Representatives

Henry Shyka, Winnipeg

Linda Wenstob, Thompson

Greg Hutsal, Brandon

Edmond Beaudry, Winnipeg (bil.)

Mohamed Alli, Winnipeg

Jim Robertson, Winnipeg

Tom Paci, Winnipeg

Bob Andrews, Winnipeg

George Proulx, Winnipeg

Charles Beaudry, Winnipeg (bil.)

Kris Ramchandrar, Winnipeg

Marc Boily, Winnipeg (bil.)

W. J. (Bill) Hodgson, Winnipeg

Al Patterson, Brandon

Mohamed El Tassi, Winnipeg

Ed Harder, Portage la Prairie

Tenant Representatives

Dennis Kshyk, Winnipeg
Renald Laurencelle, Winnipeg (bil.)
Gloria Jacobs, Thompson
Tom Milne, Winnipeg
Elaine Watt, Brandon
Zita Somakoko, Winnipeg
Diane Beresford, Winnipeg (bil.)
Theresa Hudson, Thompson
Susan Cameron, Winnipeg
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Chester Pangan, Winnipeg
Alison Bourrier, Winnipeg
Marlene Bertrand, Winnipeg
Leila Bock-Freeman, Winnipeg (bil.)
Maria Chaby Hary, Winnipeg (bil.)
Claude Molgat, Winnipeg (bil.)
Paul Medienwo, Winnipeg (bil.)

+ Civil Servant

Mandate:

The Residential Tenancies Commission is a quasi-judicial, specialist tribunal that hears appeals from decisions and orders of the Director of the Residential Tenancies Branch under *The Residential Tenancies Act*.

Authority:

The Residential Tenancies Act

Responsibilities:

The Residential Tenancies Commission serves as an appeal Commission to ensure prompt settlement of disputes and preserving ongoing harmonious relationships between landlords and tenants, implementing innovative dispute resolution that is fair, informal, accessible, inexpensive, expeditious and amicable.

Membership and Length of Terms:

The Residential Tenancies Commission consists of the following persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. These persons must, in the opinion of the Lieutenant Governor in Council be:

1. Persons who are representative of the knowledge and views of landlords;
2. Persons who are representative of the knowledge and views of tenants; and
3. Persons who are neutral and not representative of the views of either landlords or tenants.

The Residential Tenancies Commission consists of:

- The Chief Commissioner
- Deputy Commissioners – one full-time position and part-time positions appointed for up to a four year term, may exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Chief Commissioner.

- Panel members - members appointed for up to a 4 year term – approximately half representing the views of the landlords, the others the views of the tenants; from Winnipeg, The Pas, Thompson and Brandon.
- All appointments are eligible to be considered for reappointment.

Desirable Expertise:

The Chief Commissioner and Deputy Chief Commissioners who chair appeal hearings should have a legal background.

Panel Members: Experience in the field of residential tenancies, familiarity with interpreting legislation, and a background in adjudicating or resolving issues.

There is no formal educational requirement; however, potential panel members should be able to demonstrate an understanding of residential tenancies issues including but not limited to issues of cultural diversity, disabilities, and human behaviour.

An effective panel member must be able to read complex written material, analyze written and verbal information in order to ascertain facts, and apply relevant legislation to this written and verbal information.

Panel members:

- Must be able to communicate verbally and have the ability to ask questions using open ended, non-judgmental language;
- Have active listening skills;
- Be able to read and interpret policies/legislation and how it applies to the case;
- Use plain language;
- Adhere to a high degree of confidentiality; and
- Have the ability to make decisions in a fair and unbiased manner.

Time Commitment:

Some appeals are heard only by the Chief Commissioner or a Deputy Chief Commissioner and some appeals are heard by a panel of three, consisting of one landlord and one tenant representative and either the Chief Commissioner or a Deputy Chief Commissioner as the neutral Chairperson. Individual members should be available to serve a full day at least twice a month.

Hearings:

Appeal hearings are held throughout the province with approximately 95% taking place in Winnipeg and 5% throughout Manitoba.

Remuneration:

Part-Time

Deputy Chief

Commissioners: \$191.00 per half day; \$336.00 per full day

Panel Members: \$138.00 per half day; \$243.00 per full day

Members are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses in accordance with the GMA.