



## MELISSA MARTINEZ-SONES BIO

Melissa Martinez-Sones joined Roger Meyer Consulting in 2014 and provides search, project management, facilitation, and Interim Executive Director services.

Melissa brings a wealth of leadership, facilitation and project management experience from her work with neighborhood organizations in both Minneapolis and Saint Paul. She's been an Executive Director for two neighborhood-based organizations, worked as a Councilmember's Aide, developed internal policy for the City of Minneapolis, and worked on several complex projects involving a wide variety of elected officials, constituents, and community partners. She focuses on working with all stakeholders to achieve solutions to challenging issues.

Melissa holds a Bachelor's degree in Urban Studies and Sociology from Hamline University, and a Master's of Public Affairs from the Humphrey School at the University of Minnesota where she received the Thomas H. Swain Fellowship in Public Leadership.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association, Strategic Planner and Search Support
- Heart-n-Soul Community Cafe, Strategic Planner
- Sauer Family Foundation Collaborative, Project Manager
- Twin Cities MetroIBA, Search Consultant
- St. Paul Smart Trips, Interim Executive Director
- Transit for Livable Communities, Interim Executive Director and Search Support
- Forecast Public Art, Strategic Planner
- District Councils Collaborative, Strategic Planner
- Dakota County Community Services, Project Manager
- MNCASA, Search Consultant
- Saint Paul City Council, Ward 4, Interim Councilmember Aide
- CapitolRiver Council, Executive Director
- Department of Health and Family Services, City of Minneapolis, Project Manager
- Macalester-Groveland Community Council, Executive Director
- Open Arms of Minnesota, Executive Assistant
- Seward Neighborhood Group, Community Organizer
- District 7 Planning Council, Community Organizer

## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Urban Studies & Sociology, Hamline University  
Master of Public Affairs, Humphrey School, University of Minnesota