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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 21, 2022

DATE: Tuesday, May 18, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to appoint Retiree Christine Vuletich as a beneficiary representative as Trustee on the Washoe County, Nevada Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund Board of Trustees for a two-year term ending June 21, 2024 to replace a previously appointed beneficiary representative Dondi Armstrong, and recommend to appoint Washoe County Budget Manager Lori Cooke as Trustee on the Washoe County, Nevada Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund Board of Trustees for a four-year term ending June 21, 2026 to replace the previously appointed County representative, Christine Vuletich. Manager. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to recommend the appointment of Trustees to the OPEB Trust Fund Board of Trustees. The recommended appointees are retiree Christine Vuletich for a two-year term ending June 21, 2024, as "Beneficiary of the Trust", to replace a previously appointed beneficiary Trustee, Dondi Armstrong.

Per Article 6.2(a) the governing body may remove a Trustee if the Trustee fails to attend two consecutive meetings or three meetings during a calendar year. Upon resignation or removal of any Trustee, the Trust Sponsor's governing body shall appoint a successor Trustee who shall have the same powers and duties as are conferred upon the Trustees appointed under this Trust.

At the April 28, 2022, OPEB Trust Fund Board of Trustees meeting, due to the failure to attend the prerequisite number of meetings, the Board unanimously voted for the removal of Trustee Dondi Armstrong.

Washoe County Budget Manager Lori Cooke is recommended to be appointed as a Trustee of the Board, as a Public Officer of an Employer who manages the fiscal affairs of the Employer to fill the position of retiring Trustee Christine Vuletich for a four-year term ending June 21, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of our community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On July 20, 2021 the Board of County Commissioners recommended to reappoint Retirees Duane Meyer and Dondi Armstrong, and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Chief Fiscal Officer Cynthia Vance, as Trustees on the Washoe County, Nevada Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund Board of Trustees for two-year terms ending July 24, 2023. Recommendation to reappoint Washoe County Comptroller Cathy Hill as Trustee on the Washoe County, Nevada Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund Board of Trustees for a four-year term, retroactive to June 27, 2020 and ending June 26, 2024.

On May 11, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners approved and authorized the Chairman to execute the Trust Agreement for Washoe County, Nevada Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund and the appointment of three trustees as the Board of Trustees for that Trust.

On June 28, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Cathy Hill, Washoe County Comptroller, to a four-year term on the OPEB Trust Board. On October 24, 2017, the Board appointed Christine Vuletich, Washoe County Assistant County Manager for Finance and Administration, to a four-year term on the OPEB Trust Board. On June 25, 2019, Duane Meyer, Dondi Armstrong, and Cynthia Vance were each reappointed to two-year terms on the OPEB Trust Board.

BACKGROUND

Postemployment benefits, the most common of which is for healthcare, represent a significant financial commitment for local government employers. The Washoe County, Nevada OPEB Trust Fund is an irrevocable trust created and administered under the provisions of NRS 287.017. The purpose of the OPEB Trust Fund is to provide the means to fund the costs of future retirement benefits provided by the following benefit plans:

1. Washoe County Retirees Health Benefit Program
2. Washoe County's State of Nevada Public Employee Benefit Plan
3. Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Retiree Group Medical Plan

Article VI, 6.1(a) of the Trust Agreement states, in part, that the Trust Sponsor's governing body shall appoint at least three, but no more than five Trustees who must include:

- 1) At least one member who has a combination of education and experience of at least five years in finance or economics;
- 2) A public officer or employee of an Employer who manages the fiscal affairs of the Employer; and

3) A beneficiary of the Trust.

Article VI, 6.1(c) of the Trust Agreement states “Each Trustee shall be appointed for a term of at least two years, but not to exceed four years. The Trust Sponsor’s governing body may renew the term of any Trustee.”

All Trustees recommended for appointment have expressed a desire and willingness to be appointed.

With these appointments, the OPEB Trust Fund Board will remain at its maximum number of five Trustees, as authorized in the Trust Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to Washoe County. However, sufficient budget authority to pay the meeting fees of the two outside trustees exists in the OPEB Trust Fund (Fund 750).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners appoint Retiree Christine Vuletich as a beneficiary representative as Trustee on the Washoe County, Nevada Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund Board of Trustees for a two-year term ending June 21, 2024 to replace a previously appointed beneficiary representative, Dondi Armstrong, and recommend to appoint Washoe County Budget Manager Lori Cooke as Trustee on the Washoe County, Nevada Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund Board of Trustees for a four-year term ending June 21, 2026 to replace the previously appointed County representative, Christine Vuletich.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to appoint Retiree Christine Vuletich as a beneficiary representative as Trustee on the Washoe County, Nevada Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund Board of Trustees for a two-year term ending June 21, 2024 to replace a previously appointed beneficiary representative, Dondi Armstrong, and recommend to appoint Washoe County Budget Manager Lori Cooke as Trustee on the Washoe County, Nevada Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund Board of Trustees for a four-year term, ending June 21, 2026 to replace the previously appointed County representative, Christine Vuletich.