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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 25, 2024

DATE: May 29, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ryan Gustafson, Human Services Agency Director
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to remove Casey Reed [District 3] from the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board, effective immediately, and to Appoint Mac Rossi [Alternate] to the At Large position vacated by Hawah Ahmed; and to recruit for vacant positions. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

Washoe County Human Services Agency is recommending to remove Casey Reed [District 3] from the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board, effective immediately, and to recruit for the vacant position. Per Washoe County Code 45.415 (4), a Senior Advisory Board member may be removed by the Board of County Commissioners for cause. For purposes of this recommendation, "cause" includes three consecutive unexcused absences from advisory board meetings. Casey Reed last attended a Senior Advisory Board meeting in August 2023 and has had unexcused absences since November 2023. Multiple attempts have been made to reach her via email, letter and phone with no success. Pursuant to NRS 241.034, the Board may be taking an administrative action against Ms. Reed in connection with the recommendation. Notice has been provided to Ms. Reed by certified mail to Ms. Reed's last known address at least 21 working days before the meeting.

Additionally, Washoe County Human Services Agency is recommending to appoint Mac Rossi to the At Large position vacated by Hawah Ahmed.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations

PREVIOUS ACTION

On March 6, 2024 the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board recommended to remove Casey Reed [District 3] from the Senior Advisory Board due to chronic absences. Per Washoe County Code 45.415 (4), a Senior Advisory Board member may be removed by the Board of County Commissioners for cause. For purposes of this section, "cause" includes three consecutive unexcused absences from advisory board meetings. Multiple attempts have been made to reach her via email, letter and phone with no success. The Senior Advisory Board also recommended to appoint Mac Rossi from his Alternate position to the At Large position vacated by Hawah Ahmed.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On October 17, 2023 the Board of County Commissioners appointed Thuy Tran [District 2] to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for the term ending March 31, 2027; and to appoint Charles Neuman and Denise Myer [District 3] for the term ending September 30, 2027.

On August 15, 2023 The Board of County Commissioners appointed Mac Rossi [Alternate] for the remainder of the term ending August 31, 2025; recommendation to appoint Patricia Gallimore [Alternate] to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for the remainder of the term ending June 30, 2025; and to appoint Adolfo Correa to District 2 for the term ending September 1, 2027.

On August 2, 2023 the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board recommend to reappoint Thuy Tran for her 2nd term [District 2] which will expire March, 31, 2027; and recommend to reappoint Charles Neuman and Denise Myer [District 3] to their 2nd term which will expire September 20, 2027.

On July 5th the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board recommended to appoint Mac Rossi [Alternate] for the remainder of the term ending August 31, 2025; recommendation to appoint Patricia Gallimore [Alternate] to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for the remainder of the term ending June 30, 2025; and to appoint Adolfo Correa to District 2 for the term ending September 1, 2027.

On June 20, 2023 the Board of County Commissioners appointed Denise Myer [District 3] to the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board for the remainder of the term ending September 30, 2023, this position was vacated by Ethan Hovest who resigned from the Board in October 2022.

On May 3, 2023 the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board again recommended to appoint Denise Myer to [District 3] to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board. This occurred after the opening was again published in an effort to provide a large pool of qualified candidates for both the Alternate positions along with the District 3 position. No other applications were received for District 3.

BACKGROUND

Washoe County Code 45.415 authorizes the Senior Advisory Board to include 11 members of the community, two members from each commission district, one at large member who shall serve as a permanent member and two at large alternates who shall serve in the absence of a permanent member. The members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to serve a four-year term and may serve, with reappointment, a maximum of two consecutive terms. The Advisory Board members must be, as required by County Code, residents of the County and have an interest in civic affairs, and an interest or experience in the fields of nutrition, geriatric social work, administration, finance, and law.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to remove Casey Reed [District 3] from the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board, effective immediately, and to Appoint Mac Rossi [Alternate] to the At Large position vacated by Hawah Ahmed; and to recruit for vacant positions.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be,
"Recommendation to remove Casey Reed [District 3] from the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board, effective immediately, and to Appoint Mac Rossi [Alternate] to the At Large position vacated by Hawah Ahmed; and to recruit for vacant positions."