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STAFF REPORT
BOARD MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

DATE: Thursday, August 27, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Jan Galassini, Washoe County Clerk
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Washoe County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to appoint three candidates from a pool of applicants, including: Richard Berman, Brian Erbis, Robert Lissner, Marilyn Dash, Jennifer Hernandez, Karen Hayes, Alyssa Goins, Jamie Brimer, Nicole Munley, Navdeep Singh, and Tracey Thomas to fill vacancies of two regular members and one alternate member on the Washoe County Board of Equalization with the two regular member terms beginning on January 1, 2027, and ending on December 31, 2030, and the one alternate member term beginning on January 1, 2027, and ending on December 31, 2027. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY
The Washoe County Board of Equalization is recommending that the Board of County Commissioners appoint two regular members and one alternate member from a pool of applicants, including Richard Berman, Brian Erbis, Robert Lissner, Marilyn Dash, Jennifer Hernandez, Karen Hayes, Alyssa Goins, Jamie Brimer, Nicole Munley, Navdeep Singh, and Tracey Thomas. The terms for these members include: two regular member terms beginning on January 1, 2027, and ending on December 31, 2030, and one alternate member term beginning on January 1, 2027, and ending on December 31, 2027.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Innovative Services: Strengthen Our Culture of Service.

PREVIOUS ACTION
No previous action.

BACKGROUND
The Washoe County Board of Equalization is charged with hearing appeals filed by property owners who do not agree with the value placed on their property for tax purposes by the County Assessor. The Board conducts its hearings annually during the month of February and is required to conclude its business on or before the last day of February.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Pursuant to NRS 361.340, the Washoe County Board of Equalization is comprised of five members with four-year terms. The Board of County Commissioners may also appoint alternate members.

NRS 361.340(4) provides as follows: "The Chair of the Board of County Commissioners shall nominate persons to serve on the County Board of Equalization who are sufficiently experienced in business generally to be able to bring knowledge and sound judgment to the deliberations of the board or who are elected public officers. The nominees must be appointed upon a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners. The Chair of the Board of County Commissioners shall designate one of the appointees to serve as Chair of the County Board of Equalization."

The Washoe County Board of Equalization currently has the following members:

Current Members:
Ms. Eugenia Bonnenfant, term expires June 30, 2027
Mr. Daren McDonald, term expires June 30, 2027
Ms. Erin Albright, term expires June 30, 2028

Alternate:
None.

Robert Lissner was appointed on October 14, 2025, to fill Mr. James Ainsworth's unexpired term, which began on January 17, 2023. The term ended on June 30, 2026, resulting in a vacancy for this position.

Savita Shukla was appointed on October 14, 2025, to fill Mr. Michael Gratz's unexpired term, which began on January 1, 2025. Ms. Shukla resigned from the Board of Equalization before her term began. Due to the late notice, no regular member could be appointed to serve her term. Her regular member term was served by the alternate, Corinthia Yancey, and that term ended on June 30, 2026, resulting in a vacancy for this position.

Ms. Corinthia Yancey was appointed on October 14, 2026, to fill the alternate member term beginning on January 1, 2026. The term ended on June 30, 2026, resulting in a vacancy for this position.

Recruitment for Washoe County Board of Equalization members is a continuous ongoing process. Applications were solicited beginning in April 2026, in anticipation of the expiration of the two regular member terms and the one alternate member term.

Applications were received from:
Richard Berman
Brian Erbis
Robert Lissner
Marilyn Dash
Jennifer Hernandez
Karen Hayes

Alyssa Goins
Jamie Brimer
Nicole Munley
Navdeep Singh
Tracey Thomas

FISCAL IMPACT

Washoe County Board of Equalization members are compensated at a rate of $125 per meeting. The FY27 budget has sufficient budget authority in Board of Equalization (100107), Professional Services (710100).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board appoint two regular members and one alternate member to serve on the Washoe County Board of Equalization to fill two regular member vacancies with terms beginning on January 1, 2027, and ending on June 30, 2030, and one alternate member term beginning on January 1, 2027, and ending on December 31, 2027.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the recommendation, three motions are needed. The possible motions would be:

"Move to appoint [selected applicant 1] to fill the vacancy on the Washoe County Board of Equalization, beginning on January 1, 2027, and ending on December 31, 2030."

"Move to appoint [selected applicant 2] to fill the vacancy on the Washoe County Board of Equalization, beginning on January 1, 2027, and ending on December 31, 2030."

"Move to appoint [selected applicant 3] to fill the alternate position on the Washoe County Board of Equalization, beginning on January 1, 2027, and ending on December 31, 2027."