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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 25, 2026

DATE: Tuesday, July 28, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation, pursuant to NRS 295.121, for the Board of County Commissioners to: (1) appoint up to three individuals to serve on the committee to prepare arguments advocating in favor of Washoe County Ballot Question No. 1 (persons being presented by the Registrar of Voters include: Ron Aryel, David Dodson and Miranda Hoover); and (2) appoint up to three individuals to serve on the committee to prepare arguments advocating in opposition to Washoe County Ballot Question No. 1 (persons being presented by the Registrar of Voters include: Luke Busby, Jeff Church and Oscar Williams). The advisory ballot question asks Washoe County voters whether they support an annual road use fee on electric and hybrid passenger vehicles registered in Washoe County. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Recommendation, pursuant to NRS 295.121, for the Board of County Commissioners to appoint members to the committees responsible for preparing the arguments advocating in favor of and in opposition to Washoe County Ballot Question No. 1 for the November 3, 2026, General Election.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 23, 2026, the Board adopted Resolution R26-25 placing an advisory question on the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot asking Washoe County voters whether they support an annual road use fee on electric and hybrid passenger vehicles registered in Washoe County. The resolution further directs the Board to follow the procedures established in NRS 295.121 regarding appointment of committees to prepare ballot arguments.

BACKGROUND

AGENDA ITEM # _____

NRS 295.121 requires the governing body that submits a ballot question to appoint committees to prepare arguments advocating both approval and opposition to the measure. Each committee may consist of up to three members.

Following adoption of Resolution R26-25, the Registrar of Voters solicited individuals interested in serving on the committees. Three individuals expressed interest in serving on each committee, and all six individuals are recommended for appointment. The proposed committee members identified in this staff report have agreed to serve and will be responsible for preparing the initial arguments and rebuttals in accordance with the statutory deadlines established in NRS Chapter 295 for inclusion in the sample ballot.

Appointment of the committees is required by law and is necessary for the Registrar of Voters to proceed with preparation of the sample ballot and election materials for the November 3, 2026, General Election.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with appointing members to the argument committees.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners appoint the proposed members to the committees advocating in favor of and in opposition to Washoe County Ballot Question No. 1, as required by NRS 295.121

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"Move to appoint Ron Aryel, David Dodson and Miranda Hoover to the committee to prepare arguments advocating in favor of Washoe County Ballot Question No. 1 and to appoint Luke Busby, Jeff Church, and Oscar Williams to the committee to prepare arguments advocating in opposition to Washoe County Ballot Question No. 1, as required by NRS 295.121."*