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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

DATE: May 21, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Lisa McClure, Library Director

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THROUGH: David Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to appoint two candidates from a pool of applicants including: Fred E. Avera, Elizabeth A. Cadigan, Jacquelyn J. Cheun-Jensen, James Chuck, Donna R. Dawson-Schwartz, David A. Dulcey, Alyssa Goins, Sharon Goldrup, Martha Growdon, Karen A. Hayes, Nicôl L. Herris, Katherine Hollingsworth, Lizeth Lechuga Gomez, Douglas L. Miller, Billy James Moton, Denise Myer, Laurie A. Nahser Martin, Marcus Nesbitt, Anne S. Pettigrew, Cody Phinney, Amy Pulver, Earl V. Ravid, Sean Sullivan, Andrea Tavener, and Brandi J. Tripp Russell, to fill two vacancies on the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees pursuant to NRS 379.020(3) for four-year terms beginning on July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2030. Library. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

On June 30, 2026, the terms for Washoe County Library Board of Trustees Ann Silver and Lea Moser will expire. The Library Board of Trustees is recommending that the Board of County Commissioners appoint two candidates from a pool of 25 applicants to fill two four-year vacancies beginning on July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2030.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Regional and Community Leadership.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 17, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners reappointed Tami Ruf to a consecutive four-year term beginning on July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2029.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On August 20, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Marie Rodriguez to fill a midterm vacancy beginning on September 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2028.

On June 18, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners denied the reappointment of Al Rogers to a consecutive four-year term beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2028.

On March 19, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Tami Ruf to fill a midterm vacancy beginning on April 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025.

On September 19, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Ann Silver to fill a midterm vacancy beginning on October 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2026, and Gianna Jacks to a four-year term beginning on October 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2027.

On July 11, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners denied the reappointment of Amy Ghilieri to a consecutive four-year term beginning on July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2027.

On June 20, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Al Rogers to fill a midterm vacancy beginning on July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2024.

On April 25, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners voted to hold a separate meeting at a later date to determine the appointment to fill one midterm vacancy beginning on May 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2024.

On August 23, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Ann Medaille and Lea Moser to two four-year terms beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2025.

On June 22, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Frank Perez to a four-year term beginning on July 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2025.

BACKGROUND

In response to notices of the vacancies in local newspapers, the County website, and the library website, Washoe County Library System received applications and resumes from 25 applicants for the Trustee vacancies, which are appended to this report.

The Board of Trustees of Washoe County Library System is appointed by the Washoe County Commissioners in accordance with NRS 379.020(3). The Library Board appoints the Library Director and evaluates his or her performance, helps set library goals and objectives, approves policies, monitors the Library's finances, evaluates the Library's overall effectiveness, and advocates for the Library in the community

NRS 379.020(1) requires the Board of County Commissioners to appoint members to the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees. Individuals appointed must be residents of Washoe County and must be competent pursuant to NRS 379.020(1). The Board of Trustees has recommended the following criteria to be used when evaluating applicants:

- Demonstrate use and appreciation of libraries;
- Experience working with public libraries;
- Other work experience;
- Volunteer experience;
- Community involvement; and
- The Commission District where the applicant resides.

The respective County Commission Districts in which each of the 25 applicants reside are listed below:

- Fred E. Avera, District 2
- Elizabeth A. Cadigan, District 3
- Jacquelyn J. Cheun-Jensen, District 2
- James Chuck, District 2
- Donna R. Dawson-Schwartz, District 4
- David A. Dulcey, District 2
- Alyssa Goins, District 1
- Sharon Goldrup, District 1
- Martha Growdon, District 1
- Karen A. Hayes, District 4
- Nicôl L. Herris, District 2
- Katherine Hollingsworth, District 5
- Lizeth Lechuga Gomez, District 3

- Douglas L. Miller, District 2
- Billy James Moton, District 2
- Denise Myer, District 3
- Laurie A. Nahser Martin, District 1
- Marcus Nesbitt, District 3
- Anne S. Pettigrew, District 2
- Cody Phinney, District 2
- Amy Pulver, District 1
- Earl V. Ravid, District 2
- Sean Sullivan, District 4
- Andrea Tavener, District 4
- Brandi J. Tripp Russell, District 5

The Commission District in which current Trustee Ann Silver resides is District 1.

The Commission District in which current Trustee Lea Moser resides is District 3.

The Commission District in which current Trustee Gianna Jacks resides is District 1.

The Commission District in which current Trustee Marie Rodriguez resides is District 2.

The Commission District in which current Trustee Tami Ruf resides is District 1.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to appoint two candidates from a pool of applicants including: Fred E. Avera, Elizabeth A. Cadigan, Jacquelyn J. Cheun-Jensen, James Chuck, Donna R. Dawson-Schwartz, David A. Dulcey, Alyssa Goins, Sharon Goldrup, Martha Growdon, Karen A. Hayes, Nicôl L. Herris, Katherine Hollingsworth, Lizeth Lechuga Gomez, Douglas L. Miller, Billy James Moton, Denise Myer, Laurie A. Nahser Martin, Marcus Nesbitt, Anne S. Pettigrew, Cody Phinney, Amy Pulver, Earl V. Ravid, Sean Sullivan, Andrea Tavener, and Brandi J. Tripp Russell, to fill two vacancies on the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees pursuant to NRS 379.020(3) for four-year terms beginning on July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2030. (All Commission Districts.)

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with this recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“Move to appoint [selected applicants] to fill two vacancies on the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees pursuant to NRS 379.020(3) for four-year terms beginning on July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2030.”*