

**Air Quality Management Division  
Staff Report  
Board Meeting Date: December 19, 2024**

**DATE:** December 5, 2024

**TO:** District Board of Health

**FROM:** Francisco Vega, P.E., Division Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation for appointment to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board as an At-Large Board Member. Staff recommends: The re-appointment of Ms. Yvonne Downs to the APCHB as an At-Large Board Member for a three-year term beginning on December 15, 2024, and concluding on December 15, 2027; Applicants include: Dorothy Hudig, Ph.D., Pierre Mousset-Jones, William Grey, William Foster McCoy, Ph.D., Bernadette M. Longo, Edmond LeBlanc, Jay Collins, John Peck, Nicholas Favier, Stephen Birdsall, Lee Squire (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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**SUMMARY**

In accordance with the District Board of Health Regulations Governing Air Quality Management SECTION 020.000.C.1, Hearing Board Creation and Organization, staff is recommending the District Board of Health (DBOH) re-appoint Ms. Yvonne Downs to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board (APCHB) as an At-Large Board Member for a three-year term beginning on December 15, 2024, and concluding on December 15, 2027.

**District Health Strategic Priorities supported by this item:**

- 2. Healthy Environment:** Create a healthier environment that allows people to safely enjoy everything Washoe County has to offer.

**PREVIOUS ACTION**

October 25, 2018, DBOH approved the initial appointment of Ms. Yvonne Downs to the APCHB as an At-Large Board Member for a three-year term beginning on October 25, 2018, and concluding on October 24, 2021.

December 16, 2021, DBOH approved the re-appointment of Ms. Yvonne Downs to the APCHB as an At-Large Board Member for a three-year term beginning on December 16, 2021, and concluding on December 15, 2024.

**BACKGROUND**

The APCHB, as established in regulation, considers appeals of notice of violation issued by the Air Quality Management Division and petitions for variances authorized by the regulations. The APCHB

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consists of seven (7) members who are not employees of the state or any of its political subdivision. Pursuant to NRS 445B.275, the membership is required to include one attorney admitted to practice law in Nevada, one member must be a professional engineer licensed in Nevada, and one member must be licensed in Nevada as a general engineering contractor or a general building contractor as defined by NRS 624.215. Terms are established by regulation to be three-year periods.

On November 1, 2024, the Air Quality Management Division (AQMD) issued a press release soliciting members of the community to apply to participate on the APCHB. The press release was posted to the AQMD website. In addition, the AQMD sent the press release to the email addresses of all individuals that have subscribed to the AMQD email list. Emails were also sent to other various organizations, including all District Board of Health (DBOH) members and Nevada Chapter AGC. Lastly, the AQMD posted the press release on social media such as Facebook and Twitter. The press release remains on the AQMD website under public outreach and can be found at the following link ([OurCleanAir.com](https://www.nnp.org/our-clean-air)). Lastly, it was reported during the division updates at recent DBOH meetings. A copy of the application form is available on the website (<https://www.nnp.org/files/air-quality/Appeals/APCHB-Member-Application.pdf>) and the AQMD will continue to accept applicants indefinitely.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Appointment Date</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Anthony Dimpel, PE	Nevada Registered Professional Engineer	12/16/21, 2/22/24	February 21, 2027
	Nevada Licensed Attorney		
	General Engineer/ Building Contractor		
Yvonne Downs, CEM	At-large	10/25/18; 12/16/21	December 15, 2024
Phil Schweber	At-large	12/16/21, 2/22/24	February 21, 2027
Lee Squire	At-large	8/26/2015; 9/27/2018; 12/16/21	December 15, 2024
Martin Breitmeyer	At-large	1/27/22, 4/27/23	April 26, 2026

Currently, the AQMD has a total of ten (10) to join the APCHB as an at-large member. The applications for all candidates have been attached to this report.

Ms. Downs has completed her initial term and has proven to be a valuable and reliable asset to the APCHB. Ms. Downs has an extensive environmental background including a contractor for EPA Region 10 and the Hawthorne Army Depot. Currently, Ms. Downs is the Manager of Environmental

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Services at the Nevada Air National Guard. Additionally, Ms. Downs experience with environmental compliance and permitting includes Title V Federal Permits. Ms. Downs has consistently provided valuable expertise to the APCHB and is the only applicant that currently holds an asbestos building inspector license.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

As these are voluntary positions, there will be no fiscal impact to Northern Nevada Public Health associated with the re-appointments.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The board may consider all the applicants for these positions, but it is staff's recommendation that the board re-appoint Ms. Yvonne Downs to the APCHB as an At-Large Board Member for a three-year term beginning on December 15, 2024, and concluding on December 15, 2027.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with the recommendation, a possible motion would be:

1. "Move to re-appoint Ms. Yvonne Downs to the APCHB as an At-Large Board Member for a three-year term beginning on December 15, 2024, and concluding on December 15, 2027."

or, should the Board wish to consider an alternative motion the possible motion may be:

1. "Move to appoint (*name of one of the other applicants*) to the APCHB as an At-Large Board Member for a three-year term beginning on December 15, 2024, and concluding on December 15, 2027.", or
2. "Move to continue the item to the next meeting to allow for additional consideration by the Board."