



WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION

AMENDING RESOLUTION R21-038 TO RE-AFFIRM THE CREATION OF, SPECIFY THE PURPOSE FOR, ENUMERATE THE MEMBERSHIP OF, AND SET THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE GERLACH-EMPIRE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, The Gerlach-Empire Citizens Advisory Board was formed by the Washoe County Commission on December 9, 1980 to represent the citizens of the Gerlach-Empire area in an advisory and liaison capacity with respect to governing the affairs of the Gerlach-Empire area; and

WHEREAS, The Washoe County Commission on May 12, 2015 enacted changes to the Citizens Advisory Board program to limit the purpose of the program to reviewing and providing feedback on planning and development projects within Washoe County's planning jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, The Washoe County Commission on August 17, 2021 dissolved the Citizens Advisory Boards and program for reviewing planning and development projects within Washoe County's planning jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, The Washoe County Commission on August 17, 2021 reformed the Gerlach-Empire Citizens Advisory Board for the purpose of seeking input and recommendations to the Washoe County Office of the County Manager staff, regarding a commissioner support initiative, and future use of structured Citizens Advisory Boards; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County Code ("WCC") Section 5.425 provides that the general purpose of Citizens Advisory Boards are to assist, advise and collaborate with the county commissioner in whose district the board is located, as well as the Washoe County Commission, with issues of concern in the designated geographical areas that are within Washoe County's governmental jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, WCC Section 5.427 provides that the resolution creating a Citizens Advisory Board shall specify the specific purpose(s) for its creation, shall set the number of members of the board and the categories of membership, and shall define the board's geographical area of responsibility which shall be established by mapping.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSION, that the Gerlach-Empire Citizens Advisory Board's creation in Resolution Number R21-038 is hereby re-affirmed; and that this Resolution replaces R21-038 in its entirety.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purpose of the Gerlach-Empire Citizens Advisory Board is to enhance public participation in local governance by creating a forum for residents to engage in dialogue and share perspectives on community issues and matters of public interest within the Board's geographical area and within Washoe County's governmental jurisdiction; and to assist and advise Washoe County on such issues and matters of public interest through collaboration with the applicable county commissioner, as well as the Washoe County Commission; and



BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gerlach-Empire Citizens Advisory Board shall consist of five (5) regular members and no more than two (2) alternates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the geographical boundaries of the Gerlach-Empire Citizens Advisory Board are solely within Washoe County Commission District 5 and established through geographic information systems (“GIS”) mapping, as provided in the Washoe Regional Mapping System.

ADOPTED this 26th day of May, 2026.

Clara Andriola, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

Jan Galassini, County Clerk

