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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2023

DATE: Monday, October 09, 2023
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Jan Galassini, Washoe County Clerk
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THROUGH: **Eric Brown, Washoe County Manager**
SUBJECT: Recommendation to appoint two candidates from a pool of applicants including: John Boren, John Briscoe, Lynnelle Carter, Roger Edwards, Denise Jones, Eugenia Larmore, Daren McDonald, Daniella Reynolds, Joe Rodriguez, Gerald Schumacher, Brad Snedeker, Cilia Suhayda, Tracey Thomas, and Charles Wellington II to fill two vacancies on the Washoe County Board of Equalization with terms beginning on January 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2027. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Washoe County Board of Equalization is recommending that the Board of County Commissioners appoint two candidates from a pool of applicants including: John Boren, John Briscoe, Lynnelle Carter, Roger Edwards, Denise Jones, Eugenia Larmore, Daren McDonald, Daniella Reynolds, Joe Rodriguez, Gerald Schumacher, Brad Snedeker, Cilia Suhayda, Tracey Thomas, and Charles Wellington II to fill two vacancies on the Washoe County Board of Equalization with terms beginning on January 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 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 business annually during the month of February and is required to conclude its business on or before the last day of February.

Pursuant to NRS 361.340, the Washoe County Board of Equalization is comprised of five members with four-year terms.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

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:

Mr. James Ainsworth, term expires June 2026
Mr. Dennis L. George, term expires June 2024
Mr. Rob Pierce, term expires June 2026

Alternate:

None.

The other two members of the Washoe County Board of Equalization, Ms. Eugenia Larmore and Mr. Daren McDonald, both had their terms expire on June 30, 2023.

Recruitment for Washoe County Board of Equalization members is a continuous ongoing process. Applications were solicited beginning in July 2023, following the expiration of the terms of Ms. Eugenia Larmore and Mr. Daren McDonald.

Applications were received from:

John Boren
John Briscoe
Lynnelle Carter
Roger Edwards
Denise Jones
Eugenia Larmore
Daren McDonald
Danielle Reynolds
Joe Rodriguez
Gerald Schumacher
Brad Snedeker
Cilia Suhayda
Tracey Thomas
Charles Wellington II

FISCAL IMPACT

Washoe County Board of Equalization members are compensated at a rate of \$125 per meeting. There is adequate budget authority in the adopted Fiscal Year 2023/24 budget, account 100107-710100 in support of these costs.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board appoint two candidates to serve on the Washoe County Board of Equalization to fill two vacancies with terms beginning on January 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2027.

POSSIBLE MOTION

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

“Move to appoint [selected applicant] and [selected applicant], to fill two vacancies on the Washoe County Board of Equalization with terms beginning on January 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2027.”