

WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: June 20, 2023

DATE: May 30, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to appoint an individual to the Reno-Tahoe Airport

Authority (RTAA) Board of Trustees for a term beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2027, in accordance to Chapter 474 of the Special Acts of Nevada Revised Statutes. Applicants include: Cortney E. Young, Dale Way, Eric J. Grenet, James C. McNamara, Laura E. Petrucci, Marie L. Rodriguez, Patrick T. Flynn, Rob Pierce, Tray Abney, Veera Murugappan, Victoria A Vasenden, and William Robinson. Manager's

Office. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

On June 30, 2023 one seat on the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (RTAA) Board of Trustees will expire. Staff is recommending an appointment to the board from the current list of applicants. The applicants include (listed alphabetically) Cortney E. Young, Dale Way, Eric J. Grenet, James C. McNamara, Laura E. Petrucci, Marie L. Rodriguez, Patrick T. Flynn, Rob Pierce, Tray Abney, Veera Murugappan, Victoria A Vasenden, and William Robinson.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 11, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Adam Kramer to a four-year term, set to expire on June 30, 2025.

On May 21, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners reappointed Lisa Gianoli to a four-year term, set to expire on June 30, 2023.

On June 13, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners reappointed Natalie Carasali to a second four-year term, set to expire on June 30, 2021.

On June 9, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Lisa Gianoli to a four-year term, set to expire on June 30, 2019.

On May 28, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Natalie Carasali to a four-year term, set to expire on July 1, 2017; and appointed Robert Larkin to a two-year term, set to expire on July 1, 2015.

BACKGROUND

This Board consists of nine members appointed by the elected bodies of the City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County, and the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority and is responsible for the operation of both the Reno-Tahoe International Airport and the Reno-Stead Airport.

Example responsibilities include oversight of the President & CEO, adoption of a strategic plan and airport master plans, annual budget and financial oversight including issuance of public debt, and other governance necessary for the operation of airport authority properties.

Per the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority Special Act, trustees shall

- 1) Have experience in the aviation, business or tourism industry;
- 2) Have experience in finance or accounting; or
- 3) Possesses such other qualifications that the appointing authority determines are necessary or appropriate for carrying out the duties of the Board

A member of the Board may be removed only if the appointing authority determines that the member willfully neglected or refused to perform an official duty of the Board. No member of the Board, during the term of the member thereon, may hold any elective office, have any financial interest in the aviation industry or have a financial interest in any contract or other transaction with the Board or the Authority other than as that contract or transaction may be made available to a member of the general public in the course of the Authority's business.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to Washoe County for this appointment. Financial compensation to trustee board members is paid by the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority and not the responsibility of the county or appointing body.

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with this recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to appoint [selected applicant] to the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (RTAA) Board of Trustees for a term beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2027, in accordance to Chapter 474 of the Special Acts of Nevada Revised Statutes."