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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025

**DATE:** December 5, 2024

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to appoint to the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board Benecia Price [District 4] to the full term ending December 31, 2028, Edward Lamb [District 4] to the partial term ending August 31, 2025, Craig Bronzan [Alternate] to the partial term ending August 31, 2025, and Joellen Keil [Alternate] to the partial term ending June 30, 2025. All terms would be effective immediately. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### SUMMARY

There are currently the following vacancies on the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board (WCSAB):

- **District 4—full-term expiring on December 31, 2028** created by the expiration of Jane Baudelaire's term
- **District 4—partial term expiring on August 31, 2025** created by the removal of Casey Reed.
- **Alternate—partial term expiring on August 31, 2025** created by the Board of County Commissioners appointing Mac Rossi, who had held an Alternate position, to the At-Large position due to the resignation from the WCSAB of Hawah Ahmad.
- **Alternate—partial term expiring on June 30, 2025** created by the Board of County Commissioners appointing Patricia Gallimore, who had held an Alternate position, to the District 1 vacancy created by the expiration of Mavis Kay Bonser's term.

On September 4, 2024, the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board (WCSAB) recommended to appoint either Benecia Price or Edward Lamb [District 4] to the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board, effective immediately and to appoint either Craig Bronzan or JoEllen Keil to the Alternate position to the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board, effective immediately. There were eight total applications received for the two positions, however, three withdrew their names and one did not reply to the meeting invitation or attend the September meeting.

After that recommendation, there were additional vacancies on the Advisory Board for District 4 due to Jane Baudelaire's term expiring in October 2024 and for District 1 due to Maris Kay Bonser's term expiring in October 2024.

AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_

On November 6, 2024, the WCSAB recommended to appoint Patricia Gallimore from the Alternate position she held at the time into the vacant District 1 position. This recommendation was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on November 19, 2024.

Also on November 6, 2024, the WCSAB recommended to appoint both Benecia Price and Edward Lamb to fill the District 4 vacancies, and both Craig Bronzan and Joellen Keil to fill the Alternate vacancies. On December 4, 2024, the WCSAB recommended to appoint Benecia Price [District 4] to the full term ending December 31, 2028, Edward Lamb [District 4] to the partial term ending August 31, 2025, Craig Bronzan [Alternate] to the partial term ending August 31, 2025, and Joellen Keil [Alternate] to the partial term ending June 30, 2025.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Vulnerable Populations

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On December 4, 2024, the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board recommended to appoint Benecia Price [District 4] to the full term ending December 31, 2028, Edward Lamb [District 4] to the partial term ending August 31, 2025, Craig Bronzan [Alternate] to the partial term ending August 31, 2025, and Joellen Keil [Alternate] to the partial term ending June 30, 2025.

On November 19, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved the recommendation to appoint Patricia Gallimore from the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board Alternate position she currently holds into a position representing District 1, with the term effective immediately and expiring on November 30, 2028.

On November 6, 2024, the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board recommended to appoint both Benecia Price and Edward Lamb to fill two District 4 vacancies, and to appoint Patricia Gallimore from the Alternate position she currently holds to represent District 1. These recommendations created two vacancies for Alternate positions on the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board, which it recommended be filled by appointing both Craig Bronzan and Joellen Keil to the Alternate positions.

On September 4, 2024, the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board recommended to appoint either Benecia Price or Edward Lamb [District 4] to the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board, effective immediately, and recommendation to appoint either Craig Bronzan or Joellen Keil to the Alternate position to the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board.

On June 25, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners removed Casey Reed [District 3] from the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board, effective immediately, appointed Mac Rossi [Alternate] to the At Large position vacated by Hawah Ahmed; and to recruit for vacant positions.

On March 6, 2024 the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board recommended to remove Casey Reed [District 3] from the Senior Advisory Board due to chronic absences. Per Washoe County Code 45.415 (4), a Senior Advisory Board member may be removed by the Board of County Commissioners for cause. For purposes of this section, "cause" includes three consecutive

unexcused absences from advisory board meetings. Multiple attempts have been made to reach her via email, letter and phone with no success. The Senior Advisory Board also recommended to appoint Mac Rossi from his Alternate position to the At Large position vacated by Hawah Ahmed.

On August 15, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Mac Rossi [Alternate] for the remainder of the term ending August 31, 2025; appointed Patricia Gallimore [Alternate] to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for the remainder of the term ending June 30, 2025; and appointed Adolfo Correa to District 2 for the term ending September 1, 2027.

On July 5, 2023, the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board recommended to appoint Mac Rossi [Alternate] for the remainder of the term ending August 31, 2025; to appoint Patricia Gallimore [Alternate] to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for the remainder of the term ending June 30, 2025; and to appoint Adolfo Correa to District 2 for the term ending September 1, 2027.

### **BACKGROUND**

Washoe County Code 45.415 authorizes the Senior Advisory Board to include 11 members of the community, two members from each commission district, one at large member who shall serve as a permanent member and two at large alternates who shall serve in the absence of a permanent member. The members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to serve a four-year term and may serve, with reappointment, a maximum of two consecutive terms. The Senior Advisory Board members must be, as required by County Code, residents of the County and have an interest in civic affairs, and an interest or experience in the fields of nutrition, geriatric social work, administration, finance, and law.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to appoint to the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board Benecia Price [District 4] to the full term ending December 31, 2028, Edward Lamb [District 4] to the partial term ending August 31, 2025, Craig Bronzan [Alternate] to the partial term ending August 31, 2025, and Joellen Keil [Alternate] to the partial term ending June 30, 2025. All terms would be effective immediately.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be, *"Move to appoint to the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board Benecia Price [District 4] to the full term ending December 31, 2028, Edward Lamb [District 4] to the partial term ending August 31, 2025, Craig Bronzan [Alternate] to the partial term ending August 31, 2025, and Joellen Keil [Alternate] to the partial term ending June 30, 2025. All terms shall be effective immediately."*