

**Air Quality Management Division
Staff Report
Board Meeting Date: February 27, 2024**

DATE: January 30, 2025

TO: District Board of Health

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for appointment to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board as an At-Large Committee Member. Staff recommends the appointment of Mr. Chaitanya Korra for a three-year term beginning on February 27, 2025, and concluding on February 26, 2028. Applicants include William Foster McCoy, Ph.D., and Stephen Birdsall.

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) appoint Mr. Chaitanya Korra to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board (APCHB) as an At-Large Board Member for a three-year term beginning on February 27, 2025, and concluding on February 26, 2028.

District Health Strategic Priority 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

August 26, 2015, DBOH approved the initial appointment of Mr. Lee Squire to the APCHB as an At-Large Board Member for a three-year term beginning on August 26, 2015, and concluding on September 27, 2018.

On December 16, 2021, DBOH approved Mr. Lee Squire's re-appointment 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.

On December 15, 2024, Mr. Lee Squire completed his term and stepped down from the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board, leaving his seat open for reappointment.

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 consists of seven (7) members who are not employees of the state or any of its political subdivisions. Pursuant to NRS 445B.275, the membership is required to include one attorney admitted to practice law

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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, and January 15, 2025, the Air Quality Management Division (AQMD) issued a press release soliciting community members to apply for 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 who have subscribed to the AMQD email list. Emails were also sent to 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.ourcleanair.com)). Lastly, it was reported during the division updates at recent DBOH meetings. A copy of the application form is available on the [website](#), and the AQMD will continue to accept applicants indefinitely.

Member	Qualification	Appointment Date	Term Expires
Anthony Dimpel, PE	Nevada Registered Professional Engineer	12/16/21, 2/22/24	February 21, 2027
Therese A. Ure Stix	Nevada Licensed Attorney	12/20/2024	December 20, 2027
(Currently Vacant)	General Engineer/ Building Contractor		
Yvonne Downs, CEM	At-large	10/25/18; 12/16/21;12/15/2024	December 15, 2027
Phil Schweber	At-large	12/16/21, 2/22/24	February 21, 2027
Chaitanya Korra	At-large	2/27/2025	February 26, 2028
Martin Breitmeyer	At-large	1/27/22, 4/27/23	April 26, 2026

Currently, the AQMD has three (3) applicants to join the APCHB as an at-large member. The applications for all candidates are attached to this report.

Mr. Korra has extensive experience in environmental design, project management, and ESG frameworks. He has also published research on sustainable design, decarbonization strategies, and air quality monitoring in peer-reviewed journals. Mr. Korra is a Senior Design Manager at Redwood Materials, leading infrastructure engineering and sustainability strategies for lithium-ion battery recycling. Additionally, he is a LEED Green Associate and Fitwel Ambassador, committed to promoting healthy and sustainable built environments.

FISCAL IMPACT

As these are voluntary positions, this appointment will not impact Northern Nevada Public Health fiscally.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the board appoint Mr. Chaitanya Korra to the APCHB as an At-Large Board Member for a three-year term beginning on February 27, 2025, and concluding on February 26, 2028.

POSSIBLE MOTION

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

1. "Move to appoint Mr. Chaitanya Korra to the APCHB as an At-Large Board Member for a three-year term beginning on February 27, 2025, and concluding on February 26, 2028."

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 February 27, 2025, and concluding on February 26, 2028." or
2. "Move to continue the item to the next meeting to allow for additional consideration by the Board."