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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 17, 2025

DATE: May 2, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Stacy McKenzie, Acting Library Director
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THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to reappoint Tami Ruf as a Trustee to the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees for a consecutive four-year term pursuant to NRS 379.020(3) beginning on July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2029, or until a successor Trustee is appointed. (All Commission Districts.)

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Tami Ruf's term on the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees ends on June 30, 2025. It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reappoint Tami Ruf as a Trustee to the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees for a consecutive four-year term pursuant to NRS 379.020(3) beginning on July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2029, or until a successor Trustee is appointed.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Innovative Services.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On March 19, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Tami Ruf to serve a midterm vacancy beginning April 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 or until a successor is appointed.

BACKGROUND

Tami Ruf's term on the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees ends on June 30, 2025. At the March 19, 2024, Board of County Commissioners meeting, she was appointed to serve a midterm vacancy beginning on April 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025. Trustee Ruf is well versed in the Washoe County Library System's mission, vision, current policies, and 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. Trustee Ruf was elected Vice Chair of the Library Board of Trustees on June 26, 2024. In her tenure as Vice Chair, she has worked with Chair

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Silver to oversee policy approval and closely monitor the Washoe County Library System's budget. As an award-winning educator and former teaching librarian at North Valleys High school, she brings a wealth of experience in education and librarianship. She applies her background in library science to oversight of library policies and procedures.

The Board of Trustees of the Washoe County Library System are appointed by the Washoe County Commissioners in accordance with NRS 379.020 and are responsible for governing and supervising the operations of the Washoe County Library System. The Board of Trustees appoints the Library Director and evaluates his or her performance, helps set Library goals and objectives, approves policies, monitors the Washoe County Library System's finances, evaluates the system's overall effectiveness, and advocates for the Washoe County libraries in the community.

NRS 379.020(1) requires the Board of County Commissioners to appoint members to the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees. Individuals appointed must be residents of Washoe County and must be competent pursuant to NRS 379.020(1). The Board of Trustees has recommended the following criteria to be used when evaluating applicants:

- Demonstrate use and appreciation of libraries;
- Experience working with public libraries;
- Other work experience;
- Volunteer experience;
- Community involvement; and
- The Commission District where the applicant resides.

The respective County Commission Districts in which each of the current Trustees reside are listed below:

The Commission District in which current Trustee Tami Ruf resides is District 1.

The Commission District in which current Trustee Gianna Jacks resides is District 1.

The Commission District in which current Trustee Lea Moser resides is District 3.

The Commission District in which current Trustee Ann Silver resides is District 1.

The Commission District in which current Trustee Marie Rodriguez resides is District 2.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to reappoint Tami Ruf as a Trustee to the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees for a consecutive four-year term pursuant to NRS 379.020(3) beginning on July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2029, or until a successor Trustee is appointed. (All Commission Districts.)

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

POSSIBLE MOTION

“Move to reappoint Tami Ruf as a Trustee to the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees for a consecutive four-year term pursuant to NRS 379.020(3) beginning on July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2029, or until a successor Trustee is appointed.”