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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 10, 2026

DATE: February 23, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Alexandra Wilson, Community Outreach Coordinator, Office of the County Manager, 775-386-7420, alwilson@washoecounty.gov

SUBJECT: Recommendation to appoint one candidate from a pool of applicants including: Gregory J. Flanders, Philip Gilanfarr, Joel H. Martin, James C. McNamara (incumbent), Michael Ryan O'Neill, Rob Pierce, Daniel M. Small, Harry N. Swenson, and Christopher W. Wood to serve as the Lay Member on the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Advisory Planning Commission for a two-year term beginning March 27, 2026 and expiring on March 26, 2028. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Manager's Office recommends that the Board of County Commissioners appoint one candidate from the pool of eligible candidates for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's (TRPA) Advisory Planning Commission.

- Gregory J. Flanders
- Philip Gilanfarr
- Joel H. Martin
- James C. McNamara (incumbent)
- Michael Ryan O'Neill
- Rob Pierce
- Daniel M. Small
- Harry N. Swenson
- Christopher W. Wood

PREVIOUS ACTION

On January 20, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners denied the reappointment of the incumbent and directed staff to initiate a public recruitment process and return to the Board in March for consideration of all applicants, including the incumbent.

On March 26, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners appointed James McNamara as the Washoe County Lay Member on the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Advisory Planning Commission. Their term expires on March 26, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On May 25, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Judith Simon as the Washoe County Lay Member on the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Advisory Planning Commission. Their term expired July 31, 2022.

On June 24, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Tim Callicrate as the Washoe County Lay Member on the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Advisory Planning Commission. Their term expired June 24, 2020.

On January 13, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Kristina Hill as the Washoe County Lay Member on the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Advisory Planning Commission. Their term expired January 13, 2017.

BACKGROUND

The Bi-State Compact that created the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) identifies the members of the TRPA Advisory Planning Commission. Each of the five local government agencies, having jurisdictions in the basin, has two seats on the Advisory Planning Commission (APC). One seat is for the Chief Planning Official or their designee, and one for a Lay Member. The Lay Member is appointed for a 2-year term and may be reappointed.

Some of the APC's duties include reviewing and making recommendations to the TRPA Governing Board on items such as TRPA code revisions, Environmental Impact Statements for development projects, and distribution of development commodities (Commercial Floor Area, Residential Allocation, and Tourist Accommodation Units).

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to Washoe County for appointments to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's (TRPA) Advisory Planning Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners appoint one candidate from a pool of applicants including: Gregory J. Flanders, Philip Gilanfarr, Joel H. Martin, James C. McNamara (incumbent), Michael Ryan O'Neill, Rob Pierce, Daniel M. Small, Harry N. Swenson, and Christopher W. Wood to serve as the Lay Member on the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Advisory Planning Commission for a two-year term beginning March 27, 2026 and expiring on March 26, 2028.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree, a possible motion would be: *“Move to appoint [selected applicant] to serve as the Lay Member on the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Advisory Planning Commission for a two-year term beginning March 27, 2026 and expiring on March 26, 2028.”*