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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *November 10, 2020*

DATE: October 19, 2020
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Amber Howell, Director, Human Services Agency
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager
SUBJECT: Recommendation to appoint Deborah Whitehouse [District 4] and Barbara Korosa [District 1] to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for the four-year term effective November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2024; and recommendation to accept the resignation of Danada Rausch [District 4] effective November 1, 2020. (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

Washoe County Human Services Agency is recommending the Board of County Commissioners appoint Deborah Whitehouse [District 4] and Barbara Korosa [District 1] to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for the four year term effective November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2024; and recommendation to accept the resignation of Danada Rausch [District 4] effective November 1, 2020.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 22, 2019 the Board of County Commissioners appointed Mark Miranda and Linda Hardie [District 3], and Danada Rausch [District 4] to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for the four-year term effective October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2023.

On March 26, 2019 the Board of County Commissioners appointed Jennifer McMenomy and James Doyle [District 2], to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for the four-year term effective March 26, 2019 thru March 31, 2023.

On February 6, 2019 the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board recommended the appointment of Jennifer McMenomy and James Doyle, District 2, to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for a term of 4 years effective March 2019.

On October 10, 2017 the Board of County Commissioners approved the appointment of Dr. Larry Weiss and Stan Dowdy [District 1], Marsy Kupfersmith and Wayne Alexander [District 4], Sarah Deardoff [District 5] Barbara Korosa and Rick Sorenson [Alternates]

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and Donna Klontz [At Large] to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for the four year term effective September 1, 2017.

August 22, 2017 the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board recommended the appointment of Dr. Larry Weiss and Stan Dowdy [District 1], Marsy Kupfersmith [District 4], Sarah Deardoff [District 5] Barbara Korosa and Rick Sorenson [Alternates] and Donna Clontz [At Large] to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for the four term effective September 2017.

On August 8, 2017 the Board of County Commissioners approved an ordinance change which merged Washoe County Social Services and Washoe County Senior Services into one department, Human Service Agency. Along with that merge the Washoe County Code which defines the Senior Services Advisory board was modified which created new vacancies within the Advisory Board.

On August 9, 2016 the Board of County Commissioners recommended the removal of Victoria Edmondson [District 5] from the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board; recommended the appointment of Marsy Kupfersmith [District 2] for the remainder of the term ending September 30, 2017; Sandra Dexter and Barbara Korosa [District 3], Garth Elliott and Ken Romeo [District 5] and Stan Dowdy [At-Large Alternate] to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for the term July 1, 2013 ending September 30, 2017.

On July 6, 2016 the Senior Services Advisory Board voted to recommend Victoria Edmondson be removed from her appointment to the Advisory Board due to three consecutive unexcused absences as allowed in the By-Laws.

On April 12, 2016 the Board approved the appointment of Marsy Kupfersmith [District 2] for the remainder of the term ending September 30, 2017, Donna Clontz [At Large] for the remainder of the term ending September 30, 2017, Barbara Korosa [District 3], Vicky Maltman [District 3] and Stan Dowdy [Alternate] and request the Commissioners appoint Richard Molezzo or Daniel Scinto [District 5] retroactively to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for the term July 1, 2013 ending September 30, 2017 was pulled from the agenda.

On December 9, 2014 the Board approved the withdrawal of the appointment of Edward Williams (District 5) to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board and appointed Jean Olsen (District 5) to complete the remainder of the term through September 30, 2017.

On October 28, 2014 the Board accepted the resignation of Donna Clontz from one of the two Senior Services Advisory Board District 1 Member appointments; appointed Dr. Larry Weiss to the vacancy created by the resignation and appointed Ms. Clontz to the Advisory Board Alternate Membership vacancy created by Dr. Weiss' appointment, for the balance of the terms of both positions through September 30, 2017.

On September 24, 2013 the Board approved the appointments of Connie McMullen (District 2) and Dennis Chin (District 4) for a second four term retroactive to July 1, 2013

through June 30, 2017; Jill Andrea to transfer to the vacant At-Large member position for a full term beginning October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2017; Wayne Alexander (District 4) to complete the vacated District 4 term ending September 30, 2015; Gary Whitfield and Donna Clontz (District 1), Edward Williams and Victoria Edmunson (District 5) and Marsy Kupfersmith and Dr. Larry Weiss (Alternates) for terms beginning October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2017.

On June 23, 2009 the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved the appointment of Dennis L. Chin, Shilrey M. LeGoy, Connie McMullen and Rob Morrison to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for the term July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.

BACKGROUND

Since the October 22, 2019, the following has occurred: On August 5, 2020 the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board (“Senior Advisory Board”) recommended that Barbara Korosa, Alternate, move to the vacated seat in District 1. On September 2, 2020 the Senior Advisory Board recommended appointment of Deborah Whitehouse to the Alternate seat. On October 7, 2020 the Senior Advisory Board accepted the resignation of Danada Rausch of District 4 and recommended that Deborah Whitehouse move to the District 4 from the alternate seat.

Washoe County Code 45.415 authorizes the Senior Advisory Board to include 11 members of the community, 2 members from each commission district, 1 at large member who shall serve as a permanent member and 2 at large alternates who shall serve in the absence of a permanent member. The members are appointed by the County Commission to serve a four-year term and may serve, with reappointment, a maximum of two consecutive terms. The 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.

Candidates were recruited for the Senior Advisory Board by a posting on the Washoe County website and social media postings on the NextDoor App. The Senior Advisory Board received a limited number of applicants for the vacant positions, however, those being recommended for appointment have met the qualifications. There remains a vacancy in District 5 and for both of the alternative seats; as a result the Human Services Agency anticipates that in the near future there will be further recommendations for appointment to the Board of County Commissioners.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to appoint Deborah Whitehouse [District 4] and Barbara Korosa [District 1] to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for the four-year term effective November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2024; and recommendation to accept the resignation of Danada Rausch [District 4] effective November 1, 2020.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be "Move to appoint Deborah Whitehouse [District 4] and Barbara Korosa [District 1] to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for the four-year term effective November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2024; and recommendation to accept the resignation of Danada Rausch [District 4] effective November 1, 2020."