

# **WASHOE COUNTY**

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# STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: February 28, 2017

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DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2017

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Alison A. Gordon, CPA, CFE, Internal Audit Manager

775-328-2064, agordon@washoecounty.us

THROUGH: John Slaughter, County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Possible action to approve an appointment of Barbara

Kinnison to the Washoe County Audit Committee to fill a one-year term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017. (All Commission Districts)

### **SUMMARY**

Recruitment for citizen volunteers to serve at-large on the Washoe County Audit Committee was published on the Washoe County website during December 2016 due to a member resigning from the Audit Committee. Mr. Keith Romwall, who has been on the Washoe County Audit Committee over the last 12 years, resigned effective January 1, 2017. Obtaining citizen volunteers to serve on the Audit Committee has traditionally been difficult to fill. After Mr. Romwall's resignation, staff began a search for a citizen volunteer replacement.

The Audit Committee Charter states the first appointment of this position is a one year term. Therefore this appointment would begin January 1, 2017 and run through December 31, 2017. The Charter also states re-appointment is necessary at the end of the term and subsequent terms of service occur over two-year terms.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of our Community

# PREVIOUS ACTION

January 13, 2015 - Re-appointment of Mr. Keith Romwall to the Washoe County Audit Committee for the term commencing January 1, 2015 and expiring on December 31, 2016.

January 8, 2013 – Re-appointment of Mr. Keith Romwall to the Washoe County Audit Committee for the term commencing January 1, 2013 and expiring on December 31, 2014.

September 27, 2011 – Retroactive re-appointment of Mr. Keith Romwall to the Washoe County Audit Committee for the term commencing January 1, 2011 and expiring on December 31, 2012.

January 13, 2009 – Re-appointed Mr. Ron Nicholson and Mr. Keith Romwall to the Washoe County Audit Committee for the term commencing January 1, 2009 and expiring on December 31, 2010 and retroactively re-appointed Mr. Tim Chu to the Washoe County Audit Committee for the term commencing July 1, 2008 and expiring on June 30, 2010.

January 23, 2007 – Re-appointed Mr. Ron Nicholson and Mr. Keith Romwall to the Washoe County Audit Committee for the term commencing January 1, 2007 and expiring on December 31, 2008.

November 16, 2004 – The Washoe County Commission appointed Ron Nicholson and Keith Romwall as At-large members of the Washoe County Audit Committee.

### **BACKGROUND**

Washoe County Code Section 15.545 provides for the establishment of an Audit Committee consisting of at least three voting members and one non-voting advisory member that are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

A number of applications were received and reviewed for this position resulting in the four most qualified applicants, including Barbara Kinnison, Piera Mburia, Jennifer Salisbury and Rosemary Geary. Based on a review of these applications, staff recommends Barbara Kinnison fill this position on the Audit Committee due to her government work experienced, as well as her certification as a CPA.

The Audit Committee applications for all four candidates are included as Attachment A to this staff report.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board approve the appointment of Ms. Barbara Kinnison to the Washoe County Audit Committee to fill a term beginning January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree to appoint Ms. Barbara Kinnison to the Washoe County Audit Committee a possible motion would be: "Move to approve the appointment of Ms. Barbara Kinnison as a member of the Washoe County Audit Committee to fill a term beginning on January 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2017.

Attachment A – Washoe County Audit Committee Applications

cc: Dave Stark, Audit Committee Member (e-mail) Elaine Alexander, Audit Committee Member (e-mail) Barbara Kinnison (e-mail)

# Attach ment A

# Gordon, Alison

From:

Bkinnison@sbcglobal.net

Sent:

Thursday, December 15, 2016 11:00 AM

To:

WEBTEAM; Gordon, Alison

Subject:

**VOLUNTEER APPLICATION: Audit Committee** 

# **Application for Audit Committee**

#### **Additional Information:**

# **Personal Information**

#### Salutation

Mrs

**First Name** 

Barbara

**Last Name** 

Kinnison

Address 1

1904 Cielo Falls Drive

Address 2

City

Sparks

County

Washoe

State

Νv

Zipcode

89436

**Main Phone** 

530 301-2554

Secondary Phone

**Email Address** 

Bkinnison@sbcglobal.net

**Contact Preference** 

email

# **Education Background**

#### **School Name**

Chico State University

Graduated

yes

**Graduation Year** 

1985

**Course Of Study** 

Business with accounting option

**Degree Earned** 

BS

Notes

I am a California CPA. I grew up in Reno and graduated from Reno High School in 1961. My husband and I returned home to Nevada in December 2015

# <sup>a</sup> Professional Background

**Employer** 

Retired but still do government financial consulting in CA

From Date

present

To Date

present

Status

full-time

**Job Title** 

CPA, Budget Analyst

Duties

I am retired from Sutter County, CA, as Deputy County Administrator in the County Administrators Office. I continue to work in both Yuba County and Sutter County on financial projects as needed. I work much less in CA since I moved back to Nevada.

# Awards and Honors

# Volunteer History

### Gordon, Alison

From:

areipea@gmail.com

Sent:

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 4:40 PM

To:

WEBTEAM; Gordon, Alison

Subject:

**VOLUNTEER APPLICATION: Audit Committee** 

# **Application for Audit Committee**

# **Additional Information:**

I am applying for this opportunity since I have a passion to help my community. I have worked as an internal auditor for Arvato services and I feel that this experience will be valuable for this opportunity.

# Personal Information

Salutation

**First Name** 

Piera

**Last Name** 

Mburia

Address 1

P.O.Box 13501

Address 2

City

Reno

County

Washoe

State

NV

Zipcode

89507

Main Phone

7758159492

**Secondary Phone** 

**Email Address** 

areipea@gmall.com

**Contact Preference** 

emall

# Education Background

**School Name** 

UNR

Graduated

ves

**Graduation Year** 

2015

**Course Of Study** 

Public Health

**Degree Earned** 

Masters

Notes

# Professional Background

**Employer** 

Arvarto Services

From Date

present

To Date

present

Status

full-time

Job Title

Project/Program Manager

**Duties** 

# Awards and Honors

# Volunteer History

### Gordon, Alison

From:

Lumsden, Jennifer

Sent:

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 10:56 AM

To:

WEBTEAM; Gordon, Alison

Subject:

**VOLUNTEER APPLICATION: Audit Committee** 

# **Application for Audit Committee**

### Additional Information:

I am interested in obtaining a greater knowledge of the inter-workings of my local county government. I am a well educated, rational thinking individual. I have participated in audits as a member and officer of a labor union, and most recently as a Board Member for the Sierra Nevada Association of Paralegals, of which I am a current Active Member and Chairperson. I strongly believe that all citizens hold a duty to be civic minded and involved in their neighborhoods and communities, even if they do not hold a formal government office.

# Personal Information

#### Salutation

Mrs

**First Name** 

Jennifer

**Last Name** 

Salisbury

Address 1

8421 Silver Shores Dr.

Address 2

City

Reno

County

Washoe

State

NV

Zipcode

89506

**Main Phone** 

775-342-7240

**Secondary Phone** 

**Email Address** 

jen4216@gmail.com

**Contact Preference** 

email

# **Education Background**

#### **School Name**

Truckee Meadows Community College

Graduated

ves

**Graduation Year** 

2013

**Course Of Study** 

Associate of Arts

#### **Degree Earned**

General Studies

Notes

#### **School Name**

Truckee Meadows Community College

#### Graduated

yes

#### **Graduation Year**

2012

# **Course Of Study**

Paralegal/Law

# **Degree Earned**

Associate of Applied Science

**Notes** 

#### **School Name**

University of Nevada Reno

#### Graduated

no

#### **Graduation Year**

#### **Course Of Study**

Political Science

### **Degree Earned**

Bachelor's Degree

Will graduate in fall of 2017 with a Major in Political Science and a Minor in Philosophy of Ethics, Law & Politics.

# Professional Background

#### **Employer**

Maupin, Cox & LeGoy

# From Date

06/11/14

#### To Date

present

#### Status

full-time

#### Job Title

Certified Paralegal/Legal Assistant

**Duties** 

# Awards and Honors

Induction- Pi Sigma Alpha- National Honor Society

#### **Honor Date**

04/27/16

**Details** 

#### Honor

Certification- Designation as Certifled Paralegal

**Honor Date** 

07/01/13

**Details** 

Sat for and passed the national certified paralegal exam from the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA).

# Volunteer History

Agency

North Valley Citizen Advisory Board

From Date

07/01/16

To Date

06/30/19

**Volunteer Title** 

Alternate Member

**Duties** 

Agency

North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board

From Date

07/01/13

To Date

06/30/16

**Volunteer Title** 

Member At-Large

**Duties** 

Agency

Washoe County Public Defender's Office

From Date

06/15/11

To Date

02/03/13

**Volunteer Title** 

Criminal Defense Support

Discovery preparation, electronic filing of documents, review and update of records.

Washoe County Senior Law Project

From Date

07/05/11

To Date

09/15/11

**Volunteer Title** 

Legal Intern

Worked primarily in the area of foreclosure mediation, mortgage modification fraud and senior housing issues.

**Agency** 

Washoe County Registrar's Office

From Date

present

To Date

present

**Volunteer Title** 

Election Poll Worker

**Duties** 

Worked the 2012 General Election as an Intake Specialist. The 2014 General Election as an Intake Specialist. The 2016 Primary and General Election as Polling Place Assistant Manager.

#### Gordon, Alison

From:

rxgreno@gmail.com

Sent:

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 12:27 PM

To:

WEBTEAM: Gordon, Alison

**Subject:** 

**VOLUNTEER APPLICATION: Audit Committee** 

# **Application for Audit Committee**

#### **Additional Information:**

I have been a resident of Washoe County since 2000, and have come to \"Love this Place\". I would feel most honored to volunteer my time and skills to assist my community. I have a strong background in Accounting, Finance, Financial Reporting, and Audit. I have worked in the private sector in Banking, Finance, Real Estate Trusts, Fiduciary Pension Investments, and as a Credit Analyst. I welcome any service I may provide, and look forward to hearing about future opportunities to share my experience.

### Personal Information

Salutation

**First Name** 

Rosemary

**Last Name** 

Geary

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950 Haskell St

Address 2

APT M

City

Reno

County

Washoe

State

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Zipcode

89509

**Main Phone** 

775-357-6559

**Secondary Phone** 

**Email Address** 

rxgreno@gmail.com

**Contact Preference** 

anv

# **Education Background**

**School Name** 

San Francisco State University

Graduated

no

**Graduation Year** 

1999

**Course Of Study** 

Business Administration - Concentration in Accounting

**Degree Earned** 

This was a 5 year program. I earned 120 credits, made dean's list and last attended as a Senior. The B.S. degree was not obtained due only to change in requirements pending a leave of absence. I can provide my transcripts if necessary.

#### **School Name**

Bard College at Simon's Rock

Graduated

**Graduation Year** 

1992

**Course Of Study** 

Liberal Arts

**Degree Earned** 

Associate of Arts

Bard College at Simon's Rock is one of the top 10 in the country. It is a unique institution that accepts students ready for college level curriculum at high school age. I entered college at 16.

# Professional Background

### **Employer**

State of Nevada Department of Business & Industry Fiscal Services Unit

From Date

10/03/16

To Date

present

Status

fuli-time

Job Title

Accounting Assistant II

**Duties** 

# **Awards and Honors**

Volunteer History