

WASHOE COUNTY

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DATE: Tuesday, June 06, 2017

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Jeff Scott, Library Director, on behalf of Derek Wilson, Washoe County

Library Board of Trustees Chair, 775-327-8341, jscott@washoecounty.us

THROUGH: Jeff Scott, Library Director

SUBJECT: Recommendation to appoint one of seven applicants – Robert Borges,

Amy Ghilieri, Charles Guffey, Karen Hudson, Robert Kirk, Ted Parkhill, or Jennifer Swiergiel – to fill one vacating seat on the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees, with a term effective July 1, 2017 through

June 30, 2021. (All Districts)

SUMMARY

The Washoe County Library Board of Trustees is recommending the Board of County Commissioners appoint one of the seven applicants, – Robert Borges, Amy Ghilieri, Charles Guffey, Karen Hudson, Robert Kirk, Ted Parkhill, or Jennifer Swiergiel – to fill one vacating seat on the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees, with a term effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:

Regional and Community Leadership

PREVIOUS ACTION

None.

BACKGROUND

As of June 30, 2017, Trustee Sara Sattler will be completing her four-year term on the Library Board. In response to notices in local newspapers, the County website and the Library website last year and the year prior, seven individuals expressed continued interest and submitted applications, which are appended to this report.

NRS 379.020(1) authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to appoint member to the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees. Individuals appointed must be residents of Washoe County and must be competent. In addition, the Board of Trustees has approved the following criteria to be used when evaluating applicants:

- Demonstrated use and appreciation of libraries
- Experience working with libraries, especially public libraries

- Other work experience
- Volunteer experience
- Community involvement
- Commission district where the applicant resides

The Library Board has also specified that elected officials cannot serve as Trustees.

The respective County Commission District in which each of the seven applicants resides is listed below:

Robert Borges	District 2
Amy Ghilieri	District 1
Charles Guffey	District 1
Karen Hudson	District 1
Robert Kirk	District 2
Ted Parkhill	District 1
Jennifer Swiergiel	District 2

The Commission District in which each current Library Trustee resides is as follows:

Wendy Alderman	District 1
Zanny Marsh	District 4
Derek Wilson	District 2
Jean Stoess	District 1

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to appoint one of seven applicants – Robert Borges (District 2), Amy Ghilieri (District 1), Charles Guffey (District 1), Karen Hudson (District 1), Robert Kirk (District 2), Ted Parkhill (District 1), or Jennifer Swiergiel (District 2) – to fill one vacating seat on the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees, with a term effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to appoint Ted Parkhill to fill the vacant seat on the Library Board of Trustees, with a term effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021.

Additional Information:

As a book artist, poet, musician and educator, I am passionate about bringing new and healthy perspectives to the local and global communities. As a Tribal education leader in the state of Nevada, I\'ve helped bridge relationships between parents and school district staff and administrators in three school districts. Knowing and improving on the historical context of the impact of the Western education model on Tribal communities, specifically the boarding school history informs my daily work as a leader in Indian education. I have successfully been able to utilize my vast creative skill and passion to enhance the lives of many students, families, and community members in several counties across Northern Nevada. I work everyday to inspire people to do great things. It is my hope that these efforts will make the world a better place for us all.

Personal Information

Salutation

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Contact Preference

any

Education Background

School Name

Mills College

Graduated

yes

Graduation Year

2013

Course Of Study

Book Art/Creative Writing Dual Thesis

Degree Earned

MFA

Notes

Thesis included a multimedia artist's book with QR codes linked to 12 songs recorded over a three year span. Also included 86 poems discussing the interpersonal relationships within the 1990's punk rock movement, an autobiographical work. Under the guidance of senior faculty, Kathleen Walkup and Julie Chen, produced 12 artist's books, print on demand editions of poetry, and with the guidance of professor and department chairman Fred Frith, one album of music

Professional Background

Employer

Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

From Date

03/10/13

To Date

05/14/16

Status

full-time

Job Title

Education Coordinator

Duties

Provide direct oversight of 19 staff members who provide academic support for over 500 American Indian/Alaska Native students (K-12) in the Carson City, Douglas, and Alpine (CA) County School Districts. Responsible for oversight of the Washoe Tribe Scholarship Department with a budget of over \$150,000 including coordination with the review committee, disbursement to academic institutions including vocational schools, community colleges, and universities. Responsible for the Department of the Interior's Johnson-O'Malley Program provided to eligible K-12 students for educational support. Was responsible for improving graduation rates for the Washoe Tribe well above the national average for American Indian/Alaska Native graduates. Directs the Washoe Tribe Cultural Resources Department of Wasiw Language Teachers working to revitalize the Wasiw language for the next generations. The Language Teachers work in area schools, do direct outreach to improve community relations, and foster generational relationships with a Master/Apprentice Program based on through AICLS. Responsible for coordination of departmental resources to improve the quality of life for Native youth and families throughout the region. Currently on the Nevada Indian Commission's Education Advisory Board to work statewide with other Tribal education department leaders on a variety of national initiatives including the planning for the National Indian Education Conference to be held in Reno in October, 2016.

Employer

Mills College

From Date

08/20/10

To Date

05/15/12

Status

part-time

Job Title

Teaching Assistant

Duties

Responsible for maintenance of six letterpresses in the graduate and undergraduate book art studios. Responsible for course preparation for the Mills College Book Art Program including the coordination of workshops in the studios. Produced a collaborative letterpress broadside to commemorate the Mills College Visiting Writer Program (Chana Bloch). Responsible for curating, installing, and removing numerous book art exhibitions in the campus galleries and library (in coordination with the Program Director and Special Collections staff.

Employer

ABC Phonetic Reading School

From Date

02/01/11

To Date

05/15/12

Status

full-time

Job Title

Tutor (phonics)

Duties

Provided direct tutoring in phonics to 8 students, grades 1-8 in three at-risk communities of the San Francisco Bay Area. Responsible for double digit improvements in reading scores over 18 weeks each. Improved vocabulary and reading comprehension and exposed at-risk youth to classical and contemporary texts that the students were able to connect to and in which to find inspiration.

Awards and Honors

Volunteer History

Agency

Washoe County Library

From Date

present

To Date

present

Volunteer Title

Book Art Facilitator and Artist

Duties

Provided outreach to library goers with group exhibitions of artist's books and ephemera at the South Valley's and Incline Village libraries as well as led instructional presentations orienting library goers to the artist's book genre (contemporary and historical).

Agency

Douglas County Library

From Date

present

To Date

present

Volunteer Title

Book Art Facilitator and Artist

Duties

Provided installation and removal of a two month group exhibition in the gallery cases at the Douglas County Library in Minden, NV. The exhibition included examples of traditional and modern book binding techniques, letterpress printing, etching, traditional and nontraditional construction and topics such as psychology, music, poetry, drama, sociology, and craft.

Agency

Carson City Library

From Date

present

To Date

present

Volunteer Title

Book Art Facilitator and Artist

Duties

Provided a two month group exhibition highlighting contemporary book art practice including book binding, letterpress printing, etching, inkjet and books with traditional and nontraditional construction.

Additional Information:

I am writing to express my interest in becoming a trustee for the Washoe County Library Board. For the past 30+ years I have been an active user of the Washoe County Library, particularly the Downtown Reno and South Valley branches. My daughter received her first library card at the age of three and looks forward to our time at the library each weekend. We are active users of libraries and recognize the importance of this system for the Washoe County community. In addition to my personal experience as a library patron, my professional and educational background makes me uniquely suited for a position as library trustee. I am currently employed as a History Professor at Western Nevada College, after completing my Ph.D. at the University of Nevada, Reno. My primary field of study is History of the Book; I have been researching the nature of books and libraries throughout Europe and the United States from the fifteenth-century to the modern era. I incorporate this information in my survey-level classes and encourage my students to participate in library-sponsored events in Northern Nevada. I would like to contribute to the way the community is able to engage with the library system. In my experience, the Washoe County library staff provides remarkable knowledge and service to this community. I believe there is room to benefit from the experience, collaboration, and insight of the current staff to formulate new programs and cultivate current offerings. In conversations with library staff I was impressed by the ideas presented, particularly as they related to early literacy and access to information. I have a love of libraries. For my dissertation, I was fortunate enough to be able to visit libraries and special collections throughout the United States and Europe and have gained insight into what makes a library space functional and enjoyable for community development and education. I would like to bring this passion to the Washoe County Library Board. Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Personal Information

Salutation

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Contact Preference

any

Education Background

School Name

University of Nevada, Reno

Graduated

yes

Graduation Year

2015

Course Of Study

History

Degree Earned

Ph.D

Notes

Primary field of study - History of the Book

School Name

University of Nevada, Reno

Graduated

yes

Graduation Year

2010

Course Of Study

History

Degree Earned

M.A.

Notes

Fields of Study - History of the Book, Medieval History, Cultural Theory

School Name

University of Phoenix

Graduated

yes

Graduation Year

2004

Course Of Study

Business/Marketing

Degree Earned

MBA

Notes

School Name

Saint Mary's College

Graduated

yes

Graduation Year

2002

Course Of Study

Health Sciences

Degree Earned

B.S.

Notes

Professional Background

Employer

Western Nevada College

From Date

08/01/15

To Date

05/16/16

Status

full-time

Job Title

History Instructor

Duties

Responsible for the designing and teaching various classes in the discipline of History, student advisement, serving on faculty committees, departmental scheduling, and curriculum design. Tenure-track position.

Employer

Saint Mary's College

From Date

01/02/13

To Date

02/01/15

Status

part-time

Job Title

Lecturer

Duties

Developed a winter term course for Saint Marys College, including syllabi, a course reader, lecture notes, homework and reading assignments, and exams. Content covered witch trials in Europe and the Americas in the Medieval and Early Modern periods.

Employer

University of Nevada, Reno

From Date

08/01/07

To Date

07/01/14

Status

part-time

Job Title

Lecturer

Duties

Designed and taught multiple sections of Core Humanities classes and an introductory course for Womens Studies, including syllabi, lecture notes, homework and reading assignments, and exams. Implemented web-based reading materials and notes, as well as web-based class discussions. Participated in student advisement.

Employer

University of Nevada, Reno

From Date

08/01/13

To Date

06/01/14

Status

part-time

Job Title

Director - History Department Writing Center

Duties

Led one-on-one student advising appointments for all levels of student writing and research. Aided senior thesis projects. Participated in student advisement.

Employer

Cintas Corporation

From Date

02/01/04

To Date

08/01/04

Status

part-time

Job Title

Sales Associate

Duties

Responsible for the sales and marketing of Cintas products in Reno, NV. Responsibilities included developing a client base, program review for potential clients, advertisement possibilities, and installation and implementation of new systems.

Employer

Paragon

From Date

05/01/02

To Date

02/01/04

Status

part-time

Job Title

Business Manager

Duties

Sales, marketing, scheduling, stock management, financial analysis and planning, and personnel management for a local spa/retail business.

Awards and Honors

Honor

Bilinski Dissertation Year Fellowship

Honor Date

present

Details

\$25,000 grant for the final year of dissertation writing.

Honor

Three Minute Thesis - First Place

Honor Date

present

Details

First place in the University-wide presentation of dissertation projects.

Honor

TMCC Part-time Faculty of the Month

Honor Date

present

Details

Honor

Grants and Fellowships

Honor Date

present

Details

Renaissance Consortium Research Grant, Nevada Women's Fund Scholarship, UNR Research Grant, Ahmanson Foundation Scholarship for Rare Book School, Davies Research Grant, California Rare Book School Scholarship, Hulse Scholarship, Graduate Student Association Research Grant.

Volunteer History

Agency

Tahoe Chamber Music Society

From Date

06/01/13

To Date

05/15/16

Volunteer Title

Volunteer

Duties

Responsible for information dispersal, fundraising, and customer service for a summer concert festival.

Agency

Washoe County GATE Program

From Date

04/01/14

To Date

12/01/15

Volunteer Title

Consultant

Duties

Assisted in textbook selection, provided guest lectures, and assisted in curriculum design for the Gifted and Talented program in Washoe County.

Agency

Renown

From Date

02/01/05

To Date

06/01/05

Volunteer Title

Volunteer

Duties

Volunteer for the Emergency Room at Renown South Meadows.

Additional Information:

I am applying for this opportunity to be involved more in the community. I have four small children that go to different things at the library weekly. I want to make sure there will always be those opportunities for them. I have worked in different office setting having to manage budgets and operations. I think I would be a great fit as I believe the library is a great resource for the community and my family utilizes it weekly. I was also just selected to be on the Citizen Advisory Board and want to find even more ways to be involved to keep Washoe County great.

Personal Information

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Contact Preference

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Education Background

School Name

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Graduated

no

Graduation Year

0

Course Of Study

Business and Economics

Degree Earned

Notes

Professional Background

Employer

Hectatone

From Date

02/01/14

To Date

present

Status

full-time

Job Title

HR/Warehouse/Office Manager

Duties

In charge of inventory and warehouse operations. Developed and maintained different inventory spreadsheets. Handled all of the bill coding. Hire and train new employees.

Awards and Honors

Volunteer History

Additional Information

When we came to Reno in September of 1970, one of the first things I did was to apply for a Washoe County Library card. Our four children grew up using the library frequently. I am enthusiastic about many programs the library offers; most recently online downloads of audio and e-books, and tax help. I enjoy the art exhibits, community meetings, and using the library as a convenient polling place. It's always pleasant dealing with the friendly, helpful staff I find at the various locations.

Over the course of many years, I used the downstairs auditorium at the downtown branch for piano recitals. As a passionate lifelong reader, I'd like to be involved in making decisions that involve the library, and helping it to continue as a vibrant community resource.

Personal Information

Salutation

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Karen

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Contact Preference

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Education Background

School Name

University of Michigan

Graduated

yes

Graduation Year

1968

Course Of Study

political science

Degree Earned

B.A.

Notes Also attended the University of Michigan graduate school of Social Work before moving to Nevada where my husband took a position at Desert Research Institute.

Professional Background

Employer

Self

From Date

08/01/91

To Date

Present

Status

Part-time

Job Title Owner of Piano and Brass Studio

Duties Teaching music to pupils ranging in age from 6 to 80. Board Member and Newsletter Editor, Northern Nevada Music Teachers' Association (the local branch); Board Member and Newsletter Editor, Nevada Music Teacher's Association (state branch)

Awards and Honors

I have been listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the World, Who's Who Among American Women, and Who's Who in American Education.

Volunteer History

For the past forty years I have volunteered In many different areas of community activities: Coaching youth sports, the Girl Scouts, music ministries at church, political involvement, League of Women Voters, volunteering at schools. I have worked with others to build an enriching cultural community.

Additional Information:

As a lifelong learner, I have a passion for the public library system and the wonderful opportunities it brings to a community. I have run many successful businesses over the last 22 years and with my leadership skills and perspective, I feel I can add to a team of people in promoting a successful and highly utilized library system.

Personal Information

Salutation

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Any

Education Background

School Name

California State University San Bernardino

Graduated

yes

Graduation Year

1992

Course of Study

Business Economics

Degree Earned

BA- Business Administration

Notes

School Name

Jack Welch Management Institute

Graduated

no

Graduation Year

O

Course of Study

MBA

Degree Earned

0

Notes

Enrolled in April 2014 with a projected graduation date of June 2017.

Professional Background

Employer

Charles Schwab & Co.

From Date

01/20/92

To Date

present

Status

full-time

Job Title

Branch Manager

Duties

I have managed Charles Schwab & Co branches in Reno, NV and Southern California the last 22 years.

Awards and Honors

Volunteer History

Agency

Junior Achievement of Northern Nevada

From Date

2010

To Date

present

Job Title

Volunteer

Duties

I have taught JA in a day for Lincoln Park Elementary School sponsored by Charles Schwab Bank.

Additional Information:

I am an avid reader and always have been. My kids are amazed how I know the names of most of my librarians. I am a strong supporter of the library system and would now like to get involved and give back to support something I believe continues to have relevance in the digital age.

Personal Information

Salutation

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Contact Preference

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Education Background

School Name

Cornell University

Graduated

yes

Graduation Year

1992

Course Of Study

Marketing and Finance focus

Degree Earned

Masters of Business Administration

Notes

Professional Background

Employer

Sierra Nevada College

From Date

08/12/13

To Date

present

Status

full-time

Job Title

Assistant Professor

Duties

Business professor teaching investments, entrepreneurship, and business strategy.

Employer

Incline Investment Management

From Date

present

To Date

present

Status

full-time

Job Title

CEO

Duties

Managed a private investment fund for High Net Worth and institutional investors.

Awards and Honors

Honor

Faculty Advisor of the Year

Honor Date

present

Details

Recognized as the Faculty Advisor of the year for the Governor's Cup business plan competition. I was a faculty member of the Sierra Nevada College and advisor/coach to student business plan teams.

Volunteer History

Agency

Boy Scouts of America

From Date

present

To Date

present

Volunteer Title

Committee Member, Troop #37

Duties

Treasurer - 2012 - 2014 Publicity Chair 2015 - present

Agency

AYSO

From Date

present

To Date

present

Volunteer Title

Intermediate Soccer Coach

Duties

Coached U15 soccer, girls and boys.

Agency – (Updated per phone conversation on 5/8/17)
Parks Commission
From Date
7/1/2016
To Date
6/30/2020
Volunteer Title
Board Member
Duties

Agency – (Updated per phone conversation on 5/8/17)
West Truckee Meadows Advisory Board
From Date
7/1/2016
To Date
6/30/2020
Volunteer Title
Board Member
Duties

Additional Information:

My family and I enjoy the library and the many programs and services it offers. We are all avid readers and have been a part of libraries since we were children. I have a varied background in academia, private sector biochemistry research, and government service, and I hope to put my skills to work for the library.

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Education Background

School Name

University of Arizona

Graduated

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Graduation Year

1995

Course of Study

Molecular and Cellular Biology

Degree Earned

PhD

Notes

Professional Background

Awards and Honors

Volunteer History