

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

WEDNESDAY

1:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 10, 2021

CONCURRENT MEETING

PRESENT:

Bob Lucey, Chair (via Zoom)
Vaughn Hartung, Vice Chair (via Zoom)
Alexis Hill, Commissioner (via Zoom)
Jeanne Herman, Commissioner (via Zoom)

Janis Galassini, County Clerk
Eric Brown, County Manager (via Zoom)
Nathan Edwards, Assistant District Attorney (via Zoom)

ABSENT:

Kitty Jung, Commissioner

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 1:00 p.m. with the Carson City Board of Supervisors in concurrent session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and via the Zoom application. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, County Clerk Jan Galassini called roll and the Board conducted the following business:

21-0880 **AGENDA ITEM 3** Public Comment.

There was no response to the call for public comment, though County Clerk Jan Galassini noted an email from Ms. Cathy Valenta Weise would be placed on the record.

21-0881 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Announcements/Reports.

There were no announcements or reports.

21-0882 **AGENDA ITEM 5** Pursuant to Article 4, Section 12 of the Nevada Constitution and NRS chapter 218A, recommendation to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy in the office of Senate District 16, comprised of portions of Washoe County and Carson City and recently vacated by Benjamin Kieckhefer, for the remainder of his term to expire upon the swearing in of the successful candidate at the next regular election in 2022. The two nominees for the appointment were selected previously by the Washoe County Board of Commissioners on November 9, 2021, and the Carson City Board of Supervisors on November 4, 2021 from the following list: Melissa T. Clement, Jessica Glover, Rew Robert Goodenow, Steven

Guerrazzi, Ronald W. Haslem, Lisa Krasner, Maxine Nietz, Heidi Palmer, Larry Peyton, Tracy Dawn Smith, Donald Tatro, Jeffrey Thiede, and Robert L. Weise. This item will be considered jointly with the Carson City Board of Supervisors, and may include votes by both boards as well as votes by the chairs of each board in accordance with NRS 218A.260. Following the appointment, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners shall issue a certificate of appointment naming the appointee, which the Washoe County Clerk shall then give to the appointee with a copy to the Nevada Secretary of State. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

Carson City Mayor Lori Bagwell noted the Carson City Board of Supervisors (BOS) interviewed all applicable candidates. She stated the BOS cast its four votes for Mr. Weise based on their unanimous vote.

Chair Lucey confirmed the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) conducted interviews on November 9. Based on their unanimous vote, the BCC cast its vote for Mr. Tatro. County Manager Eric Brown confirmed Chair Lucey's statement that Washoe County acted as 62 percent of the overall vote. Chair Lucey announced Mr. Tatro would be appointed to fill the remainder of Senator Ben Kieckhefer's term, which would expire at the swearing in of the next elected candidate in 2022. He said both boards needed to ratify the votes for the appointment.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hartung, seconded by Carson City Supervisor Stacey Giomi, which motion duly carried on a 3-1 vote with Commissioner Herman voting no and Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Donald Tatro be appointed to fill the Nevada Senate District 16 seat vacated by Benjamin Kieckhefer for the remainder of his term to expire upon the next regular election.

The Carson City Board of Supervisors voted to ratify the action.

Chair Lucey thanked all applicants for going through the process.

21-0883 **AGENDA ITEM 6** Public Comment.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

21-0884 **AGENDA ITEM 7** Announcements/Reports.

Carson City Supervisor Maurice White cited Article 4, Section 12 of the Nevada State Constitution and asked for clarification about when the next succeeding session would take place. Chair Lucey indicated questions were not allowed during this item, only comments.

Supervisor Stacey Giomi thought former Carson City resident Donald Tatro would do a fine job. He encouraged Mr. Tatro to reach out to the city and Robert Weise, who had a history of representing both Washoe and Clark Counties. He felt Mr. Tatro would represent both counties to the utmost of his ability, and he looked forward to working with the new appointee.

Carson City Mayor Lori Bagwell suggested Supervisor White reach out to his board's counsel to answer his questions. She thanked the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC), the Carson City Board of Supervisors, and the applicants for participating in this civic opportunity. She said it was fortunate to have two superb candidates, adding she had faith in Mr. Tatro and looked forward to working with him.

Chair Lucey thanked both boards and said they exhibited a high level of skill with their questions and interview processes. He thanked Mayor Bagwell for the job she did representing Carson City, adding his gratitude to the BCC and County staff as well. He indicated this demonstrated how these municipalities worked together as they were both represented by Senate District 16. He looked forward to a continued partnership.

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1:13 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

BOB LUCEY, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

JANIS GALASSINI, County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

*Minutes Prepared by:
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