

# Nevada Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

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#### STAFF REPORT

December 13, 2023

<u>Subject</u>: Discussion and selection of the Nevada Member at Large to serve a one-year term commencing on January 1, 2024 pursuant to NRS 277.200, Article 3, section a, subsection 2.

<u>Jurisdiction</u>: NRS 278.792 section 2(c) outlines the appointment process for the Nevada Member at Large position on the NTRPA Governing Board. Pursuant to the statute, six members of the Governing Board make the selection, and the outgoing Nevada Member at Large does not vote on the selection.

(c) One member appointed for a 1-year term by the six other members. If at least four members are unable to agree upon the selection of a seventh member within 30 days after this section becomes effective or the occurrence of a vacancy, the Governor shall make the appointment. The member appointed pursuant to this paragraph may but is not required to be a resident of the region.

If the Governing Board cannot get to a majority vote on the Nevada Member at Large selection after 30 days of the vacancy, NRS 278.792 section 3 provides that the Governor will make the appointment

3. If any appointing authority fails to make an appointment within 30 days after the effective date of this section or the occurrence of a vacancy on the governing body, the Governor shall make the appointment.

**Background**: Per NRS 278.792, the Governing Board shall make an appointment of the Nevada Member at Large position. At the December 4, 2020 meeting, the NTRPA Governing Board, after conducting a full recruitment and interview process, appointed Hayley Williamson to a one-year term as the Nevada Member at Large. Member Williamson's term began on January 1, 2021 and ended on December 31, 2021. On December 8, 2021 the Governing Board re-appointed Member Williamson to a one-year term as the Nevada Member at Large beginning on January 1, 2022 and ending on

December 31, 2022. One November 3, 2022 the Governing Board re-appointed Member Williamson to a one-year term as the Nevada Member at Large beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2023.

In October, staff received notification from Member Williamson that she would like to be considered for reappointment to the NTRPA Governing Board. Attached to this staff report is a copy of an email from Member Williamson expressing her interest in being considered for reappointment. Under NRS, the Nevada Member at Large is allowed to be reappointed to the position by the Governing Board, if the Board desires.

Traditionally, the Governing Board has reappointed the Nevada Member at Large if the member wished to continue to serve in this position upon the conclusion of his or her term. However, it is at the discretion of the Governing Board to make the appointment of the Nevada Member at Large for a one-year term. The Governing Board may either choose to reappoint Member Williamson, direct staff to initiate a recruitment and interview process, or appoint a new Nevada Member at Large member.

At the conclusion of the discussion on this item, the Governing Board may vote to appoint the Nevada Member at Large position. Per NRS, a majority vote of the six other members is needed to make the appointment of the Nevada Member at Large. The current Nevada Member at Large does not vote on this appointment. If after the first vote there is not a majority, the Governing Board will vote again until they have selected a candidate with a majority. If the Governing Board cannot get to a majority vote on the Nevada Member at Large selection, NRS 278.792 section 3 provides that the Governor may the make the appointment if the position remains vacant for 30 days.

## **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Governing Board discuss and make an appointment of the Nevada Member at Large position per NRS 278.792 section 2(c) for a one-year term beginning on January 1, 2024 and ending on December 31, 2024.

Prepared By: Scott Carey, AICP. State Lands Planner.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit 1: Member Williamson Reappointment Letter of Interest

## **Scott Carey**

**To:** Hayley Williamson

**Subject:** RE: Nevada Member at Large

From: Hayley Williamson <a href="mailto:hayley.a.williamson@gmail.com">hayley.a.williamson@gmail.com</a>

**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2023 8:47 AM **To:** Scott Carey <scarey@lands.nv.gov> **Subject:** Re: Nevada Member at Large

Hi Scott,

It would be a privilege and an honor to be appointed again as Nevadas member at large. Thanks for reaching out and checking! Look forward to seeing you in December.

Hayley

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 30, 2023, at 8:28 AM, Scott Carey < <a href="mailto:scarey@lands.nv.gov">scarey@lands.nv.gov</a>> wrote:

Vice Chair Williamson,

I hope all is going well. As you are aware your term as the Nevada Member at Large is scheduled to end on December 31, 2023. We are working on putting together a NTRPA Governing Board meeting in December and on this meeting agenda will be consideration of the appointment of the Nevada Member at Large Board position. Could you please let me know if you would like to be considered for appointment for another term as the Nevada Member at Large?

Thank You,

Scott H. Carey, AICP

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