



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: February 13, 2024
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Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors' Appointments to the Retirement Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

Consider appointments to the Retirement Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System, as follows:

- a) Appoint Dustin Dodgin to serve on the Retirement Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System, to a three-year term ending December 31, 2026, effective immediately; and
- b) Appoint Robert Bianchi to serve on the Retirement Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System to a three-year term ending December 31, 2026, effective immediately.

Summary:

This item is on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors to appoint two members to the Retirement Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees Retirement System (Retirement Board) to three-year terms ending December 31, 2026, effective immediately.

In November 2023, Chief Executive Officer of the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System (SBCERS), Greg Levin, advised the County Executive Office that two public member positions on the Retirement Board would expire on December 31, 2023, those of Ted Sten and Trent Benedetti.

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Ted Sten and Trent Benedetti were first appointed to the Retirement Board on January 9, 2018 to three-year terms ending December 31, 2020 and subsequently reappointed on January 12, 2021 to three-year terms ending December 31, 2023.

In response to the expiration of these terms, staff began a recruitment effort that included advertising the vacant appointments over a two-month period (November and December 2023) in multiple editions of newspapers of general circulation countywide, including The Santa Barbara Independent, The Santa Ynez Valley News, The Lompoc Record, and The Santa Maria Times. In addition, ongoing outreach was conducted through the County home page, social media outlets and advertising on County of Santa Barbara TV Channel 20. Individual outreach was also conducted by County Executive Office staff and members of the Board of Supervisors.

On November 28, 2023 the Board established an ad hoc subcommittee consisting of Supervisors Hartmann and Lavagnino to review applications, interview the candidates, and return to the Board with recommendations for appointment.

The recruitment effort resulted in applications from five individuals: Anthony Meyer, Dustin Dodgin, Robert Bianchi, Ted Sten, and Trent Benedetti. Included as Attachment A are the applications of the five candidates.

The subcommittee met to review applications and held interviews of all five candidates on January 25, 2024. Recommendations (a) and (b) reflect the candidates chosen by the subcommittee for appointment to three-year terms ending December 31, 2026, Dustin Dodgin and Robert Bianchi. These appointments are at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.

Background:

The Retirement Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System consists of nine members and two alternates. Four of the members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and pursuant to Government Code Section 31520.1 shall be "... qualified electors of the County who are not connected with the County Government in any capacity, except one may be a Supervisor, and shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors." The terms of office of the Board of Supervisors appointments to the Retirement Board are three years. There are currently two terms that expired on December 31, 2023.

For more information regarding the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System, please visit: www.sbcers.org.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This item is administrative only and has no fiscal or facilities impacts.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to notify the Retirement Board Office of the appointment(s).

Attachments:

Attachment A: Applications of Anthony Meyer, Dustin Dodgin, Robert Bianchi, Ted Sten, and Trent Benedetti.

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