



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 1/24/12
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 2 Hrs. 15 Min.
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s) Chandra L. Wallar, County Executive Officer
Contact Info: Michael Allen, Clerk of the Board 568-2240

SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors Appointment to the Retirement Board

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

Consider recommendations regarding the existing vacancy on the Retirement Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees Retirement System as follows: (Time Certain: 9:15 AM)

- a) Conduct applicant interviews and receive and file written documentation from four applicants who have filed applications for a public member position on the Retirement Board; and
- b) Consider the appointment of one candidate to a three year term on the Retirement Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees Retirement System; or
- c) Provide direction to staff as appropriate.

Summary Text:

At the meeting of January 17, 2012 the Board received an update on the recruitment process for the appointment of a public member to the Board of Retirement. As a result of that hearing, the Board directed staff to place a matter on the agenda of January 24, 2012 inviting applicants to address the Board and answer questions regarding their qualifications.

Staff has contacted the applicants and all four have indicated that they will be available beginning at 9:15 AM on January 24, 2012. The applications and supplemental materials received as of January 17, 2012 are attached to this Board Letter (Attachment A). To allow for review by the Board of Supervisors prior to the hearing on January 24, the applicants have been asked to provide any additional written information regarding their background and qualifications by Friday January 20, 2012. Any supplemental information received by the Clerk of the Board will be distributed as appropriate.

Each interview will be allotted up to 30 minutes beginning at 9:15 AM. Applicants have been provided with a schedule and have been advised to arrive 10 to 15 minutes prior to their scheduled time. In addition, the applicants have been provided with a document entitled "Trustee Responsibilities, Board of Retirement of the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System" (Attachment B) that was prepared by the Retirement Board Office.

Background:

As of December 31, 2011, the Retirement Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees Retirement System has a vacancy due to the resignation of Board Member Vanessa Patterson. In November 2011, staff was directed to initiate a recruitment process that involved the placement of display adds in newspapers of general circulation Countywide. In November and early December 2011, display adds announcing the vacancy and inviting interested individuals to apply to the position were run twice, approximately 10 days apart, in the Santa Barbara Daily Sound, the Lompoc Record, the Santa Maria Times, the Santa Ynez Valley News and the Santa Barbara Independent. The deadline for the submission of applications was set for Friday, December 23, 2011.

As of December 23, 2011, the Clerk of the Board Office had received three applications (attached) from Robert Krains, Susan Garner and Jonathan Ziegler. An additional application (attached) from Trent Benedetti was received on January 9, 2012.

The Retirement Board is composed of nine members and two alternates. One member shall be the County Treasurer. Four members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and shall be qualified electors of the County, one of which may be a member of the Board of Supervisors. One regular member and one alternate are elected by retired members of the system, one regular and one alternate are elected by safety members of the system and two regular members are elected by the general members of the system. The appointments are for three year terms.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes **Staffing Impacts:** NA

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to notify the Retirement Board Office of the appointment.

Attachments:

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A) Applications of Robert Krains, Susan Garner, Jonathan Ziegler and Trent Benedetti.

B) Trustee Responsibilities, Board of Retirement of the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System

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