

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

TUESDAY

9:00 A.M.

JANUARY 18, 2011

PRESENT:

**John Breternitz, Chairman**  
**Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairperson**  
**Bob Larkin, Commissioner**  
**Kitty Jung, Commissioner**  
**David Humke, Commissioner**

**Amy Harvey, County Clerk**  
**Katy Simon, County Manager**  
**Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel**

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 9:03 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

County Manager Katy Simon stated: "The Chairman and the Board of County Commissioners intend that their proceedings should demonstrate the highest levels of decorum, civic responsibility, efficiency and mutual respect between citizens and their government. The Board respects the right of citizens to present differing opinions and views, even criticism, but our democracy cannot function effectively in an environment of personal attacks, slander, threats of violence, and willful disruption. To that end, the Nevada Open Meeting Law provides the authority for the Chair of a public body to maintain the decorum and to declare a recess if needed to remove any person who is disrupting the meeting, and notice is hereby provided of the intent of this body to preserve the decorum and remove anyone who disrupts the proceedings."

*Commissioner Weber recused herself from the interview and selection process because her husband was applying for the vacancy.*

**11-57      AGENDA ITEM 3 – PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Agenda Subject:** "Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to two minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The Commission will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to two minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole."

Barlane Eichbaum stated his support for applicant Jim Galloway.

Gene Brockman read a statement, which was placed on file with the Clerk, that expressed his support for applicant Jim Galloway.

David McClure spoke in support of applicant Jim Galloway.

Edward Rathje urged the Board to ask the applicants if there were any areas of State or federal law that they felt enthusiastic about enforcing.

Richard Westrup expressed his support for applicant Jim Galloway.

Sam Dehne discussed the selection process and the media outlets.

Monika Frank stated her support for applicant Jim Galloway.

Shari Havelka thanked Senator Bill Raggio for his many years of service. She declared her support for applicant Patricia Cafferata.

Heidi Smith spoke on the redistricting that would be occurring. She stated her support for applicants Patricia Cafferata and Greg Brower.

Garth Elliott felt all of the applicants were qualified for the Senate seat. He said the County needed to look forward and select an applicant that was forward thinking with new ideas and concepts.

**11-58            AGENDA ITEM 4 – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Agenda Subject: “Commissioners’/Manager’s Announcements, Requests for Information, Topics for Future Agendas and Statements Relating to Items Not on the Agenda. (No discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)”**

There were no Commissioner/Manager announcements.

**11-59            AGENDA ITEM 5**

**Agenda Subject: “Candidate interviews for the vacant position in Washoe Senate District 3; and possible appointment of an individual to same.”**

Chairman Breternitz welcomed the applicants for Washoe Senate District 3. To see the quality of the candidates for this vacancy refreshed his belief in the American political process. He indicated this vacancy occurred because of the retirement of an outstanding public servant, Senator Bill Raggio, and noted an acknowledgment of Senator Raggio would be held at a later date. He said the process used today was consistent with the interview process that had been used in the past for other public appointments made by the Board. Chairman Breternitz explained the interview process and there was some discussion clarifying that process. He announced that the Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) informed the Board that the appointee must attend freshman

Legislative training on January 19, 2011. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Breternitz thanked the applicants for their willingness to serve as the District 3 appointee during some very challenging times for the State.

In response to the call for public comment, Reba June Burton stated this was a good process and pledged her support for applicant Patricia Cafferata.

Dan Morgan submitted a letter, which was placed on file with the Clerk, stating his support for applicant Barbara Smith Campbell.

David Buell said on behalf of the Washoe County Republican party the list of candidates was outstanding and felt the Board would have a difficult decision. He stated after vetting the applicants qualifications, he expressed support for applicants Greg Brower and Patricia Cafferata.

Sam Kumar expressed his support for applicants Greg Brower and Patricia Cafferata based on their experience.

William Naylor said he was in support of applicant Jim Galloway.

Gary Schmidt spoke on the selection process and the array of applicants.

The Board then proceeded to interview the following candidates in the order listed:

1. Greg Brower
2. Patricia D. Cafferata, Esq.
3. Barbara Smith Campbell
4. James J. Galloway
5. Toni Harsh
6. Derrick Johnson

**10:55 a.m.** The Board recessed.

**11:07 a.m.** The Board reconvened and continued the interview process.

7. James F. Nadeau
8. Dan R. Reaser
9. Ken Santor
10. Tim D. Smith
11. Rev. Claudia VanLydegraf
12. Michael Weber

Following the interviews, the Board members discussed the qualifications of their top two candidates.

The Board members disclosed that they had either phone conversations or spoke in person with some or all of the candidates.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber abstaining, it was ordered that Greg Brower be appointed to fill the vacancy in Washoe Senate District 3.

Mr. Brower thanked the Board for the appointment. He said he was humbled by the appointment and added there was a great deal of very difficult work ahead in the upcoming Legislative session.

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**12:27 p.m.** There being no further business to discuss, on motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Humke, the meeting was adjourned.

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**JOHN BRETERNITZ**, Chairman  
Washoe County Commission

**ATTEST:**

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**AMY HARVEY**, County Clerk and  
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

*Minutes Prepared by:  
Stacy Gonzales, Deputy County Clerk*