

# WASHOE COUNTY

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# STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: June 23, 2015

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DATE:	May 26, 2015
TO:	Board of County Commissioners
FROM:	Bob Webb, AICP, Planning Manager, Planning and Development, Community Services Department, 328-3623, <u>bwebb@washoecounty.us</u>
THROUGH:	William H. Whitney, Division Director, Planning and Development Community Services Department, 328-3617, <u>bwhitney@washoecounty.us</u>
SUBJECT:	Approve the re-appointment of Robert Wideman to the Washoe County Board of Adjustment, on the recommendation of the Washoe County Commission Chair, to represent Commission District 2 on the Board of Adjustment for a term beginning on July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2019, or until such time as a successor is appointed. (Commission District 2.)

# **SUMMARY**

Robert Wideman was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) to fill an unexpired term on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment. The term began on October 14, 2008 and expired on June 30, 2011. The Board re-appointed Mr. Wideman to a full term on the Board of Adjustment. The term began July 1, 2011 and will expire June 30, 2015. County Commissioner Bob Lucey has recommended Robert Wideman to the Chair of the Washoe County Commission to be considered for re-appointment to the Board of Adjustment. If re-appointed, the term will begin on July 1, 2015, and end on June 30, 2019, or until such time as a successor is appointed.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Public participation and open, transparent communication.

## **PREVIOUS ACTION**

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## **BACKGROUND**

Nevada State Law enables Washoe County to create a Board of Adjustment to hear and decide appeals concerning zoning regulations or pertaining to the location and soundness of structures, and to provide other duties as established in County codes. The Board



established the Board of Adjustment to hear and decide on appeals as authorized in State Law, administrative and special use permits, and variances. Terms of appointment are four years, or until a successor takes office, and the appointees must be residents of the unincorporated area of Washoe County and registered voters at the time of their appointment and throughout their term of office. The Board appoints five members to the Board of Adjustment, each representing one of the County Commission Districts.

Based on direction previously provided by the Board, the Commissioner whose district is represented by the Board of Adjustment vacancy (Commission District 2 in this case), recommends the appointment. Commissioner Lucey recommends that Robert Wideman be re-appointed to a full term to the Board of Adjustment commencing on July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2019, or until such time as a successor is appointed. Mr. Wideman did not complete a full membership term on the Board of Adjustment for his initial term and will complete a first full term on June 30, 2015. Based on the current Rules and Procedures for the Board, Mr. Wideman is eligible for re-appointment. Mr. Wideman is willing to be re-appointed to the Board of Adjustment. He updated his current application, which is included as Exhibit A to this staff report.

WCC Section 110.912.10(c)(1) requires that the Chairman of the Board appoint, subject to the approval of the Board, members of the Board of Adjustment.

# FISCAL IMPACT

As authorized by NRS 278.280(2)(a) and Washoe County Code Section 110.912.10(i), Board of Adjustment members receive an \$80 per meeting stipend. The Board of Adjustment meets every other month, which equates to an annual per member stipend of \$480. Funds to compensate all Board of Adjustment members for scheduled meetings were approved as part of the FY 2015-2016 budget of the Planning and Development Division, Community Services Department (account 105400-710110).

# **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board approve the re-appointment of Robert Wideman to the Washoe County Board of Adjustment, on the recommendation of the Washoe County Commission Chair, to represent Commission District 2 on the Board of Adjustment for a term beginning on July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2019, or until such time as a successor is appointed.

# **MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve the re-appointment of Robert Wideman to the Washoe County Board of Adjustment, on the recommendation of the Washoe County Commission Chair, to represent Commission District 2 on the Board of Adjustment for a term beginning on July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2019, or until such time as a successor is appointed."

Exhibit A Application for Community Service, Robert Widemancc: Robert Wideman (e-mail) Bob Webb (e-mail)



# Washoe County Community Service Application

### Volunteer ... Make a Difference in Washoe County!

Please complete the following application to indicate your interest in a position on a Washoe County Board or Commission. Your application will be kept on file for 12 months. You will need to reapply after that time if you still wish to be considered for a position.

Is there a specific Board or Commission vacancy you are applying for?

Board of Adjustment or Planning Commission

Name: Robert F Wideman

#### **Residential Home Address**

Address: 10060 Raintree C	t		
City: Reno	State: NV	Zip: 89511	
Assessor's Parcel Num	per if known: 044-091-07		
Home Phone: 775-853-3229		Cell Phone: 775-842-1357	
E-mail: rwideman@washoe	county.us		

### Mailing Address (if different from residential home address)

Address: Same		
City:	State:	Zip:

### **Occupation and Business Address**

Job Title: Retired			
Business Name:	Business Name:		
Address (Street and/or P.O. Box):			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Assessor's Parcel Number if known:			
Business Phone:			
E-mail:			

### **Registered Voter**

Are you registered to vote in Washoe County?	Yes No
The Washoe County Commission requires that a person be a registered vote	er in Washoe
County (if eligible to vote) to be considered for membership on a Citizen Adv	visory Board.
This requirement may be waived on a case-by-case basis by the County Com	imission.

How long have you lived in your area? (Years/Months) 20 years, 7 months		
How long have you lived in Washoe County? (Years/Months) 30 years, 7 months		
Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor other than minor traffic vic	olations?	No
If yes, please list conviction dates and nature:		

### Please print or type, and complete the form entirely.

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Briefly, in your own words explain why you would like to be appointed to the Board or Commission.

The Board of Adjustment provides a direct link between the needs and views of the citizenry to the decision-making activities of the people's elected representatives on the County Commission. My roots in the community, coupled with my experiences as a life-long public servant provide me with the insight and skills to participate in collaborative environment for the betterment of the community.

I am not a native to the area, but moved to Reno with my family at the age of four. I grew up in Reno and attended schools here until my employment took me to southern Nevada for a period of six years. I returned to the Reno area in 1983 and have lived in the community since that time. I am committed to the future of the area.

My career public service and law enforcement history has provided me with opportunities to work within the structure of government, gaining skills in time and meeting management, conflict resolution, problem solving, goal setting, and decision making and budget building. I have experience in the creation of legislation and have testified before the state legislature on many occasions.

I am grateful that I have been fortunate enough to call the Truckee Meadows home. The future of the area is important to me. I would be honored by the opportunity to continue my public service on the Board.

Describe your qualifications for this appointment, including, but not limited to your educational background, professional background and awards/honors.

I have served two terms on the Southwest Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board, including one term as chairman. I was appointed to a partial term on the Board of Adjustment, was re-appointed to a full term and have served two terms as chairman. My service on both boards have provided me with experience in land use practices and issues in the county.

I have developed the necessary skills to identify the core issues involved in planning decisions, apply the appropriated laws and regulations to the issues, complete an analysis of the problems, combining the human impacts with the letter of the prevalent rules, and reach well considered and supportable, defendable conclusions.

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List your community and/or civic involvement history.

See above.

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Please list the name and phone number of any personal references that we may contact.

I understand the role and responsibilities of membership on this board or commission and am willing to serve. If appointed, I will attend required meetings and training and will adhere to pertinent bylaws. I understand that some appointments require a Financial Disclosure Form to be submitted to the Nevada State Ethics Commission. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided in this application is true and correct. If the information provided is false or incomplete, it shall be sufficient cause for disqualification or removal. [If appointed to a Citizen Advisory Board (CAB), I agree to attend a CAB new member orientation session within six months of my appointment. I understand that failure to comply with this requirement will result in automatic removal from the Citizen Advisory Board.]

<sub>Date:</sub> 5/7/15

Signature:

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PLEASE RETURN THE APPLICATION TO:	
Washoe County Planning and Development P.O. Box 11130, 1001 E. Ninth Street, Room A275, Reno, NV 89520-0027 Phone: (775) 328-3600; FAX: (775) 328-6133; Email: <u>kemerson@washoecounty.us</u>	
Date Received:	Commission District:
Appointed to:	Date of Appointment:

Thank you for your interest in Washoe County Government!

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