



Council Meeting Staff Report

December 3, 2024

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Presenters:	Ellyn Felton; Shanna Sasser
Legislative File:	19345-24

Title

Board Appointment - Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board

Recommended Action

I move that Council nominate and appoint Jennifer Olsen and Conner Tharp to fill the business/hospitality representative vacancies on the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board with the term December 2, 2024 to December 1, 2027.

I nominate David Hampton and Kevin Holsapple to fill the community-at-large vacancy on the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board and move that Council appoint the nominees as follows:

By roll call vote, Councilors vote for one nominee and the nominee with the highest votes of four or more will be appointed to fill the term beginning on December 2, 2022 and ending on December 1, 2025.

Note: If David Hampton is selected for appointment, one further action is required:

I further move Council acknowledge that David Hampton is currently serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission, Transportation Board, and Personnel Board. Council finds these positions compatible, Council approves of Mr. Hampton serving concurrently on these boards, and hereby appoints him to the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board.

Body

The purpose of this item is to fill three vacancies on the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board. Per New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978, § 3-38-22, the Membership of Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board has five members: Two members who own or operate lodgings in the unincorporated area of the county, two members who own or operate industries in the unincorporated area of the county that serve tourists, and one member who represents the general public and is a resident of the unincorporated area of the county.

Mr. Hampton or Mr. Holsapple could fill the vacancy for a Community-at-Large representative.

Ms. Tharp and Ms. Olsen could fill the vacancies for tourism business/hospitality representatives. Ms. Olsen is an incumbent.

One vacancy for a lodging representative will still remain if these three appointments are made.

The vacancy represents an unexpired term vacated by Jennifer Jenson, which ends on December 1, 2024. Two vacancies represents unexpired terms vacated by Michael Wheeler and Matthew Allen which will end December 01, 2025.

The applicants are:

David Hampton [I]
Jennifer Olsen [R]
Kevin Holsapple [D]
Conner Tharp [D]

The interviews were conducted on November 6, November 18, and November 19 2024

Party affiliations are noted as [D] Democrat, [R] Republican, [I] Independent, [G] Green, [L] Libertarian, [DTS] Declined to State, and [N] Not Registered to Vote.

This five member board has three year terms beginning on December 2 and ending on December 1.

The Board is currently composed as follows:

Jennifer Olson [R]
Dana R Even [R]
Vacant
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Appointing any of the nominees will not violate the County Charter restriction concerning political party majorities on Boards and Commissions.

Attachments

- A - Board Member List
- B - Application Packet for David Hampton
- C - Application Packet for Jennifer Olsen
- D - Application Packet for Kevin Holsapple
- E - Application Packet for Conner Tharp
- F - Interview Panel Recommendation