

# SOLANO COUNTY CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

6:00 PM  
Wednesday, September 15, 2022

## **FINAL MINUTES**

### **1. Roll Call/Call to Order**

Chair Robert McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. Present were the Mayor of Benicia Steve Young, Mayor of Fairfield Harry T. Price, Mayor of Dixon Steve Bird, Mayor Pro Tem of Suisun City Alma Hernandez, and Mayor of Rio Vista Ron Kott Mayor of Vallejo Robert McConnell. Absent: Mayor of Vacaville Ron Rowlett.

### **2. Public Comment**

There were no members of the public present on the Zoom Meeting call.

### **3. Business:**

- A. Approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2022 City Selection Committee meeting.

***On motion of Mayor Kott and seconded by Mayor Young the Committee acted to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2022 meeting with Mayor Ron Rowlette absent. So ordered by 5-0 vote.***

- B. Appoint one (1) primary representative and one (1) alternate representative to the Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging Oversight Board for terms through November 2, 2026.

***On motion of Mayor McConnell, and seconded by Mayor Kott, the Committee acted to appoint Mayor Kott as primary representative and Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez as alternate representative to the Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging Oversight Board for terms through November 2, 2026, with Mayor Ron Rowlett absent. So ordered by 5-0 vote.***

- C. Appoint one (1) City of Vallejo representative to the Airport Land Use Commission for the term through May 6, 2024.

Chair McConnell stated he spoke with applicant James Casper who has indicated he is very interested in being appointed to this position and has previously served in similar positions in the San Diego Area. Chair McConnell further stated this is a representative from Vallejo position and Mr. Casper is from Vallejo.

Clerk of the Board Alicia Draves stated she originally received two applications from Jeanine McAnaney and Alan Johnson. Ms. Draves further stated she received an additional application and resume from Mr. James Casper after the posting of the agenda and forwarded that application and resume separately.

Mayor Kott made a motion, seconded by Mayor Price to appoint James Casper to the position.

In response to a question from Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez regarding the vacancy, Ms. Draves stated the current appointee had to resign and this motion is to fill the remainder of the term.

In response to a question from Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez regarding if there is a requirement for the applicant to be from the City of Vallejo, Chair McConnell stated it is not a requirement; however, it is an accommodation.

Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez stated she feels Ms. McAnaney is the stronger applicant and would like to nominate Jeanine McAnaney.

Chair McConnell requested the Clerk take a roll call vote for the two nominations.

Mayor Young spoke in support of appointing Jeanine McAnaney.

Mayor Price spoke in support of appointing Jeanine McAnaney.

Mayor Bird spoke in support of appointing Jeanine McAnaney.

Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez spoke in support of appointing Jeanine McAnaney.

Mayor Kott spoke in support of appointing James Casper.

Chair McConnell spoke in support of appointing James Casper.

***On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez and seconded by Mayor Bird the Committee acted to appoint Jeanine McAnaney as the City of Vallejo representative to the Airport Land Use Commission for the term through May 6, 2024 with Mayor Ron Rowlett absent. So ordered by 5-0 vote.***

- C. Discussion and review of other appointments as needed. *(See attached Appointment List)*
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission Board Nominations

Clerk of the Board Alicia Draves stated this item was put on the agenda to make the Board aware at the next City Selection Committee meeting in December, the Committee will need to put forth to the Solano County Board of Supervisors three individuals for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Ms. Draves further stated the current appointee Supervisor Jim Spering is in attendance and has stated he is willing to answer any questions of the committee regarding the position.

In response to a question from Chair McConnell regarding the position responsibilities and time commitment, Supervisor Jim Spering stated out of all the regional appointments the Metropolitan Transportation Committee (MTC) is the most important given the millions of dollars that the committee has brought into the County. Supervisor Spering stated the appointee is not required to be an elected official; however, there does need to be a lot of consideration on who is appointed. Supervisor Spering further stated it was asked if he would consider serving through the Regional Measure 3 (RM3) litigation and allocation, noting he was involved in the negotiations of the RM3.

In response to a question from Mayor Kott, Supervisor Jim Spering stated he is willing to serve past his term; however, he only wishes to serve for potentially an additional year, noting he would love to work with the next appointee as well.

In response to a question from Chair McConnell regarding the possibility of appointing an alternate, Supervisor Spering stated there are no alternate representatives on the MTC; however, he would suggest when the three names are submitted, the Committee should consider including the name of the individual they would like to secede his term.

In response to a question from Chair McConnell regarding if there is an advantage to have one of the Mayor's names submitted as a backup, Supervisor Jim Spering stated this committee depends on relationships between the MTC Committee Members and the elected individuals, and the Committee will need to nominate someone with the ability and skills to foster those relationships and work with a whole diverse group of commissioners.

Supervisor Spering stated if possible, the Committee should submit the names during the December Board of Supervisors meeting, noting it will provide information to MTC to let them know potentially that Supervisor Spering will be continuing his role beyond his retirement from the Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Draves noted the next meeting of the Select Committee is scheduled for December 21, 2022 and the final meeting of the year for the Board of Supervisors is December 13, 2022.

Mayor Steve Young stated it is going to be difficult to replace Supervisor Spering and if he is willing to serve through 2023, he would be willing to submit his name to serve for the remainder of the term beginning in 2024.

Mayor Kott requested Supervisor Spering reach out to the other Board Members to see if there is anyone interested in filling the position when Supervisor Spering resigns.

In response to a question from Mayor Young regarding if there is staff or other Board Members that Supervisor Spering would recommend, Supervisor Spering stated both Supervisors Vasquez and Mashburn are qualified as well as any of the Mayors.

***On motion of Mayor Kott, seconded by Mayor Young, the Committee acted to schedule a Special Meeting of the Solano County Mayor's City Selection Committee on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 6 pm for the purpose of considering the recommendation for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Board Nomination to the Solano County Board of Supervisors with Mayor Ron Rowlette absent. So ordered by a 5-0 vote.***

#### **4. Adjourn to the next Special Meeting on December 1, 2022**

This meeting of the City Selection Committee adjourned at 6:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Draves  
City Selection Committee Secretary  
Chief Deputy Clerk, Solano County Board of Supervisors