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# **NEWPORT BEACH**

## **City Council Staff Report**

June 10, 2025  
Agenda Item No. 16

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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**TITLE:** Confirmation of Nominees for Scheduled and Unscheduled Board  
and Commission Vacancies

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**ABSTRACT:**

The annual vacancies on the City Boards and Commissions will occur on June 30, 2025. Additionally, there is currently one unscheduled vacancy on the City Arts Commission. The process to fill the vacancies is provided in City Council Policy A-2 (*Boards, Commissions and Committees*). As part of this process, a City Council Ad Hoc Committee interviewed applicants and made nomination recommendations as provided below. All vacancies were noticed according to the Maddy Act and City Council Policy A-2.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Make appointments to the Boards and Commissions from the nominees listed below:

**Board of Library Trustees** [1 vacancy]

Timothy (Chase) Rief (incumbent)  
Jennifer Strong

**Building and Fire Board of Appeals** [1 vacancy]

Charles Allen (incumbent)  
K. Dirk Bondy (incumbent)  
Andy Boyum  
James Sanders

**City Arts Commission** [3 scheduled vacancies and 1 unscheduled vacancy expiring  
June 30, 2026]

David Anastos  
Andy Boyum  
Judith Brower  
Rita Goldberg  
Melissa Kandel (incumbent)  
Tiare Meegan  
Laurel Tippet

**Civil Service Board** (Council nominee) [1 vacancy]

Taylor Diani

Paul Meyer (incumbent)

**Harbor Commission** [2 vacancies]

Jon Marlo

Bob Miller

Philip Stemler

Steve Sully (incumbent)

**Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission** [2 vacancies]

Kelly Denner

William Finster

Keira Kirby (incumbent)

Travis Pirdy (incumbent)

**Planning Commission** [2 vacancies]

Jeffrey Bergsma

Michael Gazzano

Greg Reed (incumbent)

Loren Smith

Drew Teicheira

**DISCUSSION:**

On Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the City Clerk posted the Notice of Vacancies in the City Clerk's Office, at the Central Library, on the City Hall bulletin board, and placed the notice on the City's webpage. On Saturday, April 5, 2025, the Notice of Vacancies was published in the *Daily Pilot*. The deadline to submit applications was Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

Pursuant to City Council Policy A-2, Mayor Joe Stapleton established a Council Ad Hoc Appointments Committee comprised of himself, Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Kleiman, and Councilmember Michelle Barto. The Council Ad Hoc Appointments Committee was charged with reviewing applications and making recommendations to the City Council to fill the vacancies on the City's Boards and Commissions scheduled to occur on June 30, 2025, and to fill the remaining term of the unscheduled vacancy on the City Arts Commission that is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2026. Upon review of the applications and following interviews on May 21, 2025, the Council Ad Hoc Appointments Committee is requesting that the City Council confirm the nominations as listed in the above recommendations.

The City Council will make appointments to fill these vacancies at its Tuesday, June 24, 2025 City Council meeting. All new terms will be effective July 1, 2025, with an expiration date of June 30, 2029, with the exception of the appointment to fill the remaining term of the unscheduled vacancy on the City Arts Commission, which will expire June 30, 2026. The individual selected to fill the vacancy will be eligible to reapply in 2026 to serve for a full four-year term.

Copies of the applications are attached hereto as Attachment A.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

**NOTICING:**

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Board of Library Trustees Applications  
Attachment B – Building and Fire Board of Appeals Applications  
Attachment C – City Arts Commission Applications  
Attachment D – Civil Service Board Applications  
Attachment E – Harbor Commission Applications  
Attachment F – Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission Applications  
Attachment G – Planning Commission Applications