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TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Becky Craig - Acting County Executive Officer
REPORT BY: Jennifer Ivancie - Board Clerk II
SUBJECT: Reappointments to the Airport Advisory Commission

RECOMMENDATION

Acting County Executive Officer requests the following reappointments on the Napa County Airport Advisory Commission with the terms of office to commence immediately and expire on September 17, 2025:

1. Choolwe Kalulu representing Local Education Industry;
2. Christian Palmaz representing Wine/Hospitality Industry;
3. Kristen Hannum Gregory representing Napa County Airport Pilots Group or Club; and
4. Richard Rybicki, Todd Walker, and Geoffrey Gorsuch representing General Public.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There are currently seven openings on the Napa County Airport Advisory Commission. The County Executive Office advertised the openings and received six reappointment requests from Choolwe Kalulu, Christian Palmaz, Kristen Hannum, Richard Rybicki, Todd Walker, and Geoffrey Gorsuch.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Effective and Open Government

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) was originally formed in 1969 with the mission of advising the Board of Supervisors on all matters pertaining to County Airport operations and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding Airport safety, annual budgets, use of Airport facilities, and a variety of other issues related to the Airport.

On May 7, 2019, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2019-54 revising the function, composition, and frequency of Airport Advisory Commission meetings to assist Airport Management. The number of meetings was reduced from ten (10) to six (6) annually, and the membership was reduced to seven (7) voting members and one non-voting liaison Commissioner.

Upon the request of the Board of Supervisors, the Airport Advisory Commission shall:

- a. Advance and promote the interest of aviation to the public;
- b. Advise and support Airport Management on selected issues related to Airport policies and operations;
- c. Provide recommendations to Airport Management on selected actions that require Board of Supervisors approval;
- d. Work collaboratively with other agencies and local economic development efforts to effectively market the Airport as a community asset and advance the Airport's business interests; and
- e. Serve as an informational forum for community members and Airport users to receive and provide input on Airport and aviation related issues.

The seven voting Airport Advisory Commissioners will represent the following categories:

- Three - General Public;
- One - Napa County Airport Pilots Group or Club;
- One - Local Chamber of Commerce;
- One - Wine/Hospitality Industry with recommendations from a recognized wine or hospitality industry association;
- One - Local Education industry with recommendations from a recognized school district, Napa Valley College, or other institution of higher education, or from a trades/vocational program.

Staff requests the reappointment of Choolwe Kalulu to represent Local Education Industry, Christian Palmaz to represent Wine/Hospitality Industry, Kristen Hannum Gregory to represent Napa County Airport Pilots Group or Club, Richard Rybicki, Todd Walker, and Geoffrey Gorsuch to represent General Public to the Napa County Airport Advisory Commission.