



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Economic Development

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Rene Dominguez

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City-wide

SUBJECT:

Workforce Solutions Alamo (WSA) Board appointments to the WSA Board of Directors.

SUMMARY:

An Ordinance approving the appointments to the Workforce Solutions Alamo Board of Directors as recommended by the Committee of Six on September 23, 2015 for submission to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

TWC is the state agency that oversees and provides workforce development funding for services to employers and job seekers in Texas. TWC provides funding and services through 28 regional workforce boards, including the locally-created Workforce Solutions Alamo. WSA serves Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, and Wilson counties (the "WSA Service Area").

The WSA Board is a group of 25 individuals appointed by the City, Bexar County and judges from the 11 other counties (the "Area Judges") within the WSA Service Area (collectively, the "Principals"), who represent business, education, economic development, community organizations and government. Board members are appointed to three-year terms and may serve two consecutive terms. The primary role of the WSA Board is to align, focus and set direction for workforce activities in the WSA Service Area and manage an annual workforce budget of approximately \$81 million in federal and state workforce funding.

The Principals are parties to an Interlocal Agreement through the Chief Elected Officials (the "CEOs") of the WSA Service Area, whereby they oversee the planning, budgeting, administration, and execution of WSA

programs. The CEO's have established a "Committee of Six" to carry out their duties and responsibilities, which include recommending to the Principals the appointment of members to the WSA Board. Currently, Councilwoman Viagran and Councilwoman Gonzales serve on the Committee of Six.

Appointments to WSA Board of Directors

On September 23, 2015, the Committee of Six interviewed the following individuals to serve on the WSA Board of Directors: Dr. Burnie L. Roper, Place 17 Education, his term would begin November 16, 2015 and end on December 31, 2017. In addition, the Committee interviewed Mary Batch, Place 1 Business, her term would begin November 16, 2015 and end December 31, 2016. The applicants listed above are submitted for consideration by the City Council and the other Principals. Attached is the resume and application of each applicant.

ISSUE:

The WSA Partnership Agreement requires San Antonio City Council, Bexar County Commissioners Court, and the other 11 WSA Area Judges to review and approve the appointments to the WSA Board. The Committee of Six recommended approving the proposed appointments on September 23, 2015.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could reject the recommended appointments to the WSA Board. The Committee of Six would then seek and interview new board candidates for recommendation and consideration by all of the Principals. Failure to approve and recommend the appointment of WSA Board members to the TWC within statutory time limits will result in a period of "noncompliance" for WSA, precluding the WSA Board from meeting to take action or expend allocated funds from the TWC until the Board is back in compliance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City's Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the appointments to the WSA Board of Directors as recommended by the Committee of Six.