

COUNTY OF NEVADA

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SUMMARY MINUTES

Date	Time	Location
Monday, September 22, 2025	1:00 PM	Board Chamber, First Floor Eric Rood Administrative Center 950 Maidu Avenue Nevada City, California

SPECIAL MEETING: 1:00 PM

Roll Call:

Heidi Hall, 1st District

Robb Tucker, 2nd District

Lisa Swarthout, 3rd District

Susan Hoek, 4th District

Hardy Bullock, 5th District

STANDING ORDERS:

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was held.

No corrections and/or deletions to agenda were noted.

*DEPARTMENT HEAD MATTERS:

Human Resources Interim Director: Susan Kadera

1. [SR 25-2071](#) Presentation of candidates for Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters to fill the remaining term of former Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters Natalie Adona.

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Hall reported that the role of the Board of Supervisors is to appoint a Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters to fill the remaining term of former Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters, Natalie Adona.

Susan Kadera, Human Resources Interim Director, to provide an overview of the process that the Board would follow to fill the position left vacant upon Ms. Adona's resignation, effective June 6, 2025. The position is an elected position, per State statute. The Board of Supervisors formed an Ad Hoc Selection Committee to facilitate the appointment of a Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters for the remainder of the term of office, which will end on January 4, 2027. The Ad Hoc Selection Committee (Supervisors Bullock and Hoek) interviewed the applicants and selected two finalists for final interview with the Board, Tina Belding and Armando Salud-Ambriz. Director Kadera reviewed the process; each candidate will provide opening remarks, followed by the Board asking each candidate the same ten prepared questions and each candidates will respond to the questions; and following the interview, each candidate will have an opportunity to provide a final wrap-up summary. The Board will take a discreet poll, hopefully ending with identification of the finalist.

Katharine Elliott, County Counsel, explained that when a vacancy occurs in an elected office, the Board of Supervisors is mandated to appoint a successor to fill that vacancy. Upon appointment, the person does become the elected official for all practical purposes. That person will fulfill the duties for the unexpired term; in this case Natalie Adona's term of office ends January 4, 2027. Questions have been asked by the public as to why the Board is not holding a special election to fill the position, and Counsel Elliott explained that it is not allowed by law.

Chair Hall asked the Board if any member knows or has previous knowledge of either candidate. Supervisor Tucker disclosed that he went to high school with Tina Belding, and their paths have crossed over the years.

Chair Hall opened the opportunity for public comment on the agenda item before the Board, and comments were received. Chair Hall closed public comment.

The candidates, Tina Belding and Armando Salud-Ambriz, provided opening remarks, followed by Board questioning. Following the questioning, both candidates provided closing thoughts, summarizing their qualifications for the position and other information that was not provided during the process. Board comments and discussion ensued.

The Board members wrote the name of their chosen candidate on ballots, and turned them into the Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board. The Clerk read the names written on each ballot, resulting in a three (Supervisors Hall, Swarthout, and Bullock) to two (Supervisors Tucker and Hoek) vote, appointing Armando Salud-Ambriz to fill the remaining term of former Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters Natalie Adona.

Counsel Elliott reported that the appointment is conditional upon Armando Salud-Ambriz fulfilling the residency and voting registration requirements as previously outlined. Chair Hall noted that the start date for the position is October 13, 2025. Chair Hall congratulated Mr. Salud-Ambriz, and thanked Ms. Belding for the excellent presentation and answers.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Bullock, seconded by Vice Chair Swarthout, to appoint Armando Salud-Ambriz to fill the remaining term of the former Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters, Natalie Adona. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Signature and Attestation

Heidi Hall, Chair

ATTEST:

By:

Tine Mathiasen, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board