

MINUTES, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL MEETING

APRIL 16, 2012

The Pima County Board of Supervisors met in special session at their regular meeting place in the Pima County Administration Building (Hearing Room), 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 16, 2012. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present: Ramón Valadez, Chairman
 *Sharon Bronson, Vice Chair
 Ray Carroll, Member
 Ann Day, Member
 Richard Elías, Member
 Robin Brigode, Clerk

*Supervisor Bronson participated telephonically.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Pursuant to A.R.S. §41-1202.B(1), appointment of a Citizens Panel to submit the names of three qualified electors to the Board of Supervisors to fill the vacancy in Arizona Legislative District 29.

Chairman Valadez stated that due to the resignation of the representative for Legislative District 29, the Board was required to take certain actions in order to comply with the statute regarding filling the vacancy. He stated there had been many questions regarding the process because the incumbent had been a registered independent at the time of resignation and that the present process had been established primarily to deal with vacancies involving registered democrats or registered republicans. He asked the Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney for clarification regarding the process.

Chris Straub, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney, reported that the statute required that the Board of Supervisors appoint a Citizens Panel to submit to the Board within 7 business days, the names of 3 qualified electors to fill the vacancy, who were members of the appropriate political party and who resided in the Legislative District and County in which the vacancy occurred. He explained that if the person elected or appointed to the office immediately before the vacancy was a registered independent, then the qualified elector would need to be a registered independent. He advised that the statute did not provide any guidance with respect to the members of the Citizens Panel, such as the number of panel members, their

political affiliation or any residency requirements. He stated that the composition of the Citizens Panel was at the discretion of the Board and that due to the time constraints of the statute, he agreed that the Board would need to establish their panel during this special meeting.

Chairman Valadez stated that after review of the history of Legislative District 29 (LD29), he recommended that former Senator Victor Soltero and former Representative Tom Prezelski serve on the Panel, as both had represented the District and understood what the job entailed.

Supervisor Elías concurred with the Chairman's recommendations and stated that he recommended Kristin Almquist, a registered independent and a former member of the Governor's Office.

Supervisor Carroll recommended Julee Dawson, a registered independent and resident of LD29 to be a member of the Citizens Panel. He noted that her background included working as a community director and development officer with the Tucson Hebrew Academy.

Supervisor Day stated that as there was no restriction regarding party affiliation, former Representative Lou-Ann Preble had contacted her office and expressed an interest in participating on the Citizens Panel and that she would recommend her as a member.

Supervisor Bronson stated that her questions regarding the process had been clarified, that she was comfortable with the direction that the Board was headed and that they could only do their best given the time constraints of the statute.

Supervisor Carroll suggested that robo-calls might be made that announced the vacancy and requested independent electors to submit their interest for the position. He offered that it would be the most transparent and inclusive way of getting this information out to the independent electors in LD 29.

Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator, responded that the issue pertained more to the time frame involved in establishing a data base for the robo-calls and making the necessary calls. Mr. Huckelberry stated that the Elections Department and the Recorder's Office would need to be involved and that they were currently absorbed in the special election primary this week and would not be available to assist given the very short deadline to complete this process. He added that the Board was making it known and publicizing on the Pima County Homepage.

Chairman Valadez offered a process and stated that all interested applicants submit their letter of interest and resume to the Clerk of the Board by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, and that the Citizens Panel have the 3 recommendations to the Board by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2012. The Clerk of the Board would post the 3 recommendations to the County Homepage for public comment over the weekend, and forward any public comment received to the Board of Supervisors for their meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 23, 2012.

On consideration, it was moved by Chairman Valadez, seconded by Supervisor Day and unanimously carried by a 5-0 vote, to appoint former Senator Victor Soltero, former Representative Thomas Prezelski, Ms. Kristin Almquist, former Representative Lou-Ann Preble and Ms. Julee Dawson to the Citizens Panel, and further directed the following:

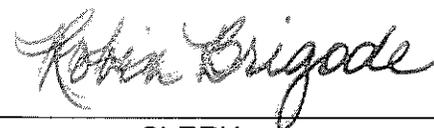
- The County Administrator and County staff to put out press releases to all of the bloggers and the press outlets.
- An announcement was to be immediately posted on the County Homepage that anyone interested in the position must apply by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 to the Clerk of the Board's Office.
- The Citizens Panel would provide the names of the three recommendations to the Clerk of the Board by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2012, and the Clerk of the Board would post the three recommended names on the County Homepage for public comment over the weekend.
- The Clerk of the Board would forward the public comment to the Board of Supervisors for their meeting on Monday, April 23, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.

3. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.


CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


CLERK