

Board Members

Joe Neves, District 1
Richard Valle, District 2
Doug Verboon, District 3
Rusty Robinson, District 4
Richard Fagundes, District 5



Staff

Kyria Martinez, County Administrative Officer
Diane Freeman, County Counsel
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, January 2, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: MULTI PURPOSE ROOM, Administration Building 1, Kings County Government Center
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

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- I. 9:00 AM **CALL TO ORDER**
ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board
INVOCATION – Pastor Arthur Fox – New Hope Orthodox Presbyterian Church
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT



II. BOARD REORGANIZATION

Clerk of the Board/Chairman of the Board

A. The Office of Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is declared vacant and a call for nominations is made.

On a motion by Supervisor Valle, seconded by Supervisor Neves, the Board elected Supervisor Verboon as Chairman for 2024 and closed the nominations. (RV, JN, RR, RF, DV-Aye)

B. The Office of Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is declared vacant and a call for nominations is made.

On a motion by Supervisor Neves, seconded by Supervisor Fagundes, the Board elected Supervisor Robinson as Vice-Chairman for 2024 and closed the nominations. (JN, RF, RV, RR, DV-Aye)

III. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

*Any person may directly address the Board at this time on any item on the agenda, or on any other item of interest to the public, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item. **NONE***

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for December 19, 2023.

REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their December 19, 2023 meeting.

B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for December 19, 2023.

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, JN, RV, RR, DV - Aye)

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Administration/Board of Supervisors

1. Consider approving the 2024 Board and Committee assignments.

ACTION: APPROVED AS AMENDED (RF, JN, RV, RR, DV - Aye)

VI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

On their own initiative, Board Members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. They may ask questions for clarification, make a referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda (Gov. Code Section 54954.2a).

Supervisor Neves stated that he attended the Kings Federal Credit Union meeting, attending the South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Act meeting, attended the American Legion breakfast, announced at the West Hills College basketball game and completed 40 days and 80 Santa visits this season.

Supervisor Fagundes thanked Child Support Services for their family event hosted before Christmas and stated that he hopes that everyone enjoyed their Holidays.

Supervisor Valle thanked everyone who attended the meeting this morning.

Supervisor Robinson stated that he attended the Child Support Services Christmas party, attended the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District meeting, and stated that two Hanford Elementary School District/Lee Richmond School students won a contest to be part of their 2024 calendar.



- ◆ Board Correspondence: **Kyria Martinez stated that the Board received a notice from the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the Division of Drinking Water Field Operations Branches Reorganization dated December 13, 2023.**
- ◆ Upcoming Events: **The Kings County Blood Drive will be on Monday January 11, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on the Kings County Government Center Campus – in the old Sheriff’s Parking Lot. Walk-ins are accepted or participants may register beforehand online. The Kings County Veteran’s Support Group will meet January 9, 2023 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at Veteran’s Memorial Hall in Hanford.**
- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: **Kyria Martinez stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration - Appointments to the Kings In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee, Appointments to the Kings County Homelessness Collaborative, Rural California Rural Caucus Memberships Appointments, Kettleman Hills Waste Facility Quarterly Report, City Annexation of County Islands, Kings Community Action Organization Pass Through Agreement; County Counsel - Appointment of Trustee to the Board of the Hanford Cemetery District; Community Development - Funding for the Kings County General Plan and Development Code Update; Department of Finance - Sale of Tax-Defaulted Property at a Public Internet Auction, Sale of Tax-Defaulted Property at a Sealed Bid Sale.**

VII.

CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ **Conference with Labor Negotiator: [Govt. Code Section 54957.6]**
Negotiators: Kyria Martinez, Carolyn Leist, Che Johnson of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
 - General Unit - CLOCEA
 - Supervisor’s Unit - CLOCEA
 - Blue Collar - SEIU
 - Detention Deputy’s Association
 - Firefighter’s Association
 - Deputy Sheriff’s Association
 - Probation Officer’s Association
 - Prosecutor’s Association
 - Unrepresented Management
- ◆ **Personnel Matter: [Govt Code Section 54957]**
Public Employee Appointment: Fire Chief
- ◆ **Litigation initiated formally. Title:**
El Rico GSA v. County of Kings, et al., Kings County Superior Court Case No. 23CU0202
[Govt Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]
- ◆ **Personnel Matter: [Govt Code Section 54957]**
Public Employee Appointment: Library Director

VIII.

ADJOURNMENT



The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Room, entrance is located across the hall from Board Chambers.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

January 9	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
January 9	2:00 PM	Board of Equalization Regular Meeting – Board Reorganization
January 16	---	Regular Meeting Canceled due to Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday on January 15
January 23	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

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