



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 12/19/2023

ITEM NO: 2

**DRAFT
Minutes of the Town Council Special Meeting – Commissioner Interviews
December 6, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a special meeting in-person and utilizing teleconferencing means on Tuesday, December 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to interview applicants and make appointments to Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Maria Ristow, Vice Mayor Mary Badame, Council Member Matthew Hudes, Council Member Rob Moore, Council Member Rob Rennie.

Absent: None

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

No one spoke.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Interview applicants and make appointments for the following Boards and Commissions: Arts and Culture Commission; Community Health and Senior Services; Complete Streets and Transportation Commission; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission; Historic Preservation Committee; Library Board; Parks and Sustainability Commission; Personnel Board; and Planning Commission.

Wendy Wood, Town Clerk, presented the staff report.

Council interviewed the following applicants for the vacant positions on Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

- **Arts and Culture Commission**
 - Cristiano Colantoni
 - Dornaz Mermarzia
- **Community Health and Senior Services Commission**
 - Gregory Gentile
 - Richard Konrad
 - Martha Sterne

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- **Complete Streets and Transportation Committee**
 - William (Bill) Ehlers
 - Erik Miller
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**
 - Tony Alarcon (Faith Leader, Los Gatos Business Owner and Resident, Resident; Planning Commission)
 - Steven Bakota (Resident)
 - Dominic Broadhead (Business Owner or Employee)
 - Karen Delaney (Resident)
 - Jamie Donofrio (Business Employee, Non-Profit Employee)
 - Diane Fisher (Faith Leader)
 - Varily Isaacs (Resident)
 - Carmen Lo (Resident)
 - Dornaz Memarzia (Resident; interviewed once with the Arts and Culture Commission candidates)
 - Folake Phillips (Resident, Non-Profit Employee)
 - Johanes Swenberg (Resident)
 - Gordon Yamate (Resident)
- **Historic Preservation Committee**
 - Gregory Gentile (interviewed once with the Community Health and Senior Services Commission candidates)
 - Lee Quintana
- **Library Board**
 - Richard Capatosto
 - Sabiha Chunawala
 - Megan Grasser
- **Parks and Sustainability Commission**
 - Craig Gleason
- **Personnel Board**
 - David Sabes

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- **Planning Commission**

- Tony Alarcon (interviewed once with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission candidates)
- Adam Mayer
- Emily Thomas

The Council completed written ballots and provided them to the Town Clerk. Town Clerk Wood read the appointments and votes as follows:

- **Arts and Culture Commission**

- Cristiano Colantoni was appointed unanimously.
- Dornaz Mermarzia was appointed unanimously.

- **Community Health and Senior Services Commission**

- Gregory Gentile received one (1) vote and was not appointed (Badame).
- Richard Konrad was appointed unanimously.
- Martha Sterne was appointed by four (4) votes (Ristow, Hudes, Rennie, and Moore).

- **Complete Streets and Transportation Committee**

- William (Bill) Ehlers was appointed by four (4) votes (Ristow, Badame, Rennie, and Moore).
- Erik Miller was appointed unanimously.

- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**

- Tony Alarcon (Faith Leader, Los Gatos Business Owner and Resident, Resident) received one (1) vote and was not appointed (Rennie).
- Steven Bakota (Resident) was not appointed.
- Dominic Broadhead (Los Gatos Business Employee) was appointed by three (3) votes (Ristow, Rennie, and Moore).
- Karen Delaney (Resident) was not appointed.
- Jamie Donofrio (Los Gatos Business Employee, Non-Profit Employee) received two (2) votes for the Los Gatos business employee seat (Badame and Hudes) and two (2) votes for the non-profit seat (Ristow and Moore) and was not appointed.
- Diane Fisher (Faith Leader) was appointed unanimously.
- Varily Isaacs (Resident) was appointed by four (4) votes (Ristow, Badame, Hudes, and Rennie).

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- Carmen Lo (Resident) was appointed by four (4) votes (Badame, Hudes, Rennie and Moore).
 - Dornaz Memarzia (Resident) was not appointed.
 - Folake Phillips (Resident, Non-Profit Employee) received two (2) votes for resident seat (Ristow and Moore) and three (3) votes for non-profit employee seat (Badame, Hudes, and Rennie) and was appointed to the non-profit employee seat.
 - Johanes Swenberg (Resident) received two (2) votes and was not appointed. (Badame and Hudes).
 - Gordon Yamate (Resident) was appointed by three (3) votes (Ristow, Rennie, and Moore).
- **Historic Preservation Committee**
 - Gregory Gentile received two (2) votes and was not appointed (Hudes and Rennie).
 - Lee Quintana was appointed by three (3) votes (Ristow, Badame, and Moore).
- **Library Board**
 - Richard Capatosto was appointed unanimously.
 - Sabiha Chunawala was appointed by four (4) votes (Ristow, Hudes, Rennie, and Moore).
 - Megan Grasser received one (1) vote and was not appointed (Badame).
- **Parks and Sustainability Commission**
 - Craig Gleason was appointed unanimously.
- **Personnel Board**
 - David Sabes was appointed unanimously.
- **Planning Commission**
 - Tony Alarcon received two (2) votes and was not appointed (Badame and Hudes).
 - Adam Mayer was appointed unanimously.
 - Emily Thomas was appointed by three (3) votes (Ristow, Rennie, and Moore).

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MOTION: **Motion** by **Mayor Ristow** to conduct the recruitment for the current openings before the Youth Commission recruitment as soon as practical; and decouple Finance Commission recruitment from the general recruitment, leaving it open until filled. **Seconded** by **Council Member Rennie**.

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

MOTION: **Motion** by **Vice Mayor Badame** to the Council Policy Committee to review the interview and appointment process for Boards, Commissions, and Committees (Council Policy 2-11). **Seconded** by **Council Member Moore**.

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jenna De Long, Deputy Town Clerk