



**Meeting Date:** August 28, 2025      **Agenda Type:** Consent Items for Action

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**Submitted by:** Rocio G. Hilliard      **Approved by:** Ryan Kelso  
Chief of Staff      Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Appoint Marcie Rodriguez to the NBU Community Advisory Panel

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## **BACKGROUND**

On August 31, 2023, the NBU Board of Trustees approved Resolution #2023-176 establishing the Community Advisory Panel (“CAP”). The panel is tasked with reviewing specific NBU initiatives, including, but not limited to, NBU’s Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”), the drought ordinance, and the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Rate Plan.

On October 26, 2023, the NBU Board of Trustees appointed thirteen (13) community members to the CAP, which consists of nominations by the City Council, the NBU Board of Trustees, and two (2) at-large participants, all to serve up to three (3) year staggered terms on the CAP. The members appointed were as follows: Justin Meadows, Stuart Blythin, Mark Hampton, Dr. Michael Patrick Harrington, PhD, Bobby Avary, Dr. Les Shepard, Darren Hill, Jonathan Packer, Alice Jewell, Ian Perez, Chris Snider, Amber Brown, and Leticia Pena Martinez. In addition, the Board appointed Justin Meadows as Chair and Stuart Blythin as Vice Chair and approved the Bylaws for the CAP.

On January 30, 2025, the NBU Board of Trustees appointed Joe Castilleja and Julissa Vela to the CAP to replace outgoing CAP members Stuart Blythin and Jonathan Packer. Additionally, Dr. Les Shepard was appointed Vice Chair to replace Stuart Blythin.

CAP members Darren Hill and Chris Snider's terms have expired. The Board will need to replace these two members, one being a Board-appointed seat, and the second being appointed by City Council district six. The Board-appointed seat replacement will be presented to the Board in the August 28, 2025 Board meeting, and the City Council district six seat will remain vacant until filled.

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## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

None

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## **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

**Customers and Community**

## **Stewardship**

### **EXHIBITS**

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1. Community Advisory Panel Bylaws
2. Community Advisory Panel Committee Member List with Terms