



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2025

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Appointment of Cody Nielson to continue to represent Blanding and Thomas (TC) Garcia as the new Planning Commissioner representing La Sal.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the appointments

SUMMARY

In December, I began the process to fill/renew vacancies. I advertised all Committee vacancies in the San Juan Record as a public notice including the Planning Commission vacancies.

We received only one letter of interest for the La Sal representation on the Planning Commission. Staff, including the Chair of the Planning Commission, and with a Commissioner Stubbs on the interview panel, interviewed the candidate for La Sal and spoke with existing Planning Commissioner John Johnston about his interest in continuing to serve in which he notified staff that after April he wanted to resign. All terms are 4-year terms.

During the interview, the panel gave priority to the current Planning Commissioner Johnston to continue for an additional term. However, our bylaws for the Planning Commission require that reoccurring interests from current Planning Commissioners also be interviewed when other letters of interest are received. Planning Commissioner Johnston chose to withdraw where he is planning on staying the summer out of the County.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation and commitment to serving the County to Planning Commissioner Johnston. His valuable insights and guidance have consistently enriched our planning endeavors, and his exceptional representation of La Sal and its residents is truly commendable.