



# COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION  
DRIVE, ROOM 102A  
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

## SUMMARY REPORT

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**Agenda Date:** 12/12/2023

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** County Administrator's Office

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** M. Christina Rivera 707-565-2431

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisorial District(s):** Countywide

**Title:**

Approve the re-appointment of James J. Barnes and Sherie Hurd to the Sonoma County Public Law Library Board of Trustees for a term of one year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and ending January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.  
(Countywide)

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the following Countywide Appointments:

- A) Approve the re-appointment of Sherie Hurd to the Financial Chair seat of the Sonoma County Public Law Library Board of Trustees for a term of one year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and ending January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
- B) Approve the re-appointment of James J. Barnes to the State Bar Representative seat of the Sonoma County Public Law Library Board of Trustees for a term of one year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and ending January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**Executive Summary:**

The Board of Supervisors are responsible for appointments to over 75 Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Task Forces. Vacancies and upcoming expiring appointments are posted on the County's list of Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Task Forces website:

<https://sonoma-county.granicus.com/boards/w/808bd6e42edf8e0f>.

Rule 50 of the Board Rules of Procedures states that the Clerk of the Board shall convene staff to review prospective countywide appointments and make appointment recommendations to the Board. The current item submits recommendations for positions on Sonoma County Public Law Library Board of Trustees.

The Sonoma County Public Law Library Board of Trustees (Board of Trustees) is requesting the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors re-appoint members on the Sonoma County Public Law Library Board of Trustees. Non-judicial members of the Board of Trustees shall be appointed (or re-appointed) each year by the Board of Supervisors.

**Re-appointment:** Sherie Hurd is an active and community-involved Sonoma County resident who has served as an appointed member of the Board of Trustees since 2017. Receiving her A.A. in Business Administration from Bryant and Stratton College, Sherie Hurd has served as the Executive Vice President of Empire College since 1987. The Board of Trustees recommends her re-appointment for a term of one year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and ending January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

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**Re-appointment:** James J. Barnes has been practicing law for over 30 years and served as an appointed member of the Board of Trustees since 1999. James received a Juris Doctor degree in 1981, has served on the Board of Directors for Food for Thought and is a current member of the Sonoma County Bar Association. The Board of Trustees recommends his re-appointment for a term of one year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and ending January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**Discussion:**

The Sonoma County Public Law Library Board of Trustees is a seven-member Board of Trustees. The composition of the seven-member board includes five Superior Court Judges, historically appointed by the presiding judge, and two members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors appoint (or re-appoint) members to hold the State Bar Representative and Financial Chair seats on the Board of Trustees. Historically, the chair of the board has appointed someone to serve as trustee however it is up to the chair if they wish to fill the seat personally.

Current Sonoma County Public Law Library Board of Trustees:

James J. Barnes - State Bar Representative  
Sherie Hurd - Financial Chair  
Patrick Broderick - Superior Court Judge  
Peter Ottenweller - Superior Court Judge  
Dana Simonds - Superior Court Judge  
James G. Bertoli - Superior Court Judge  
Kenneth J. Gness - Superior Court Judge

**Strategic Plan:**

N/A

**Prior Board Actions:**

Sherie Hurd  
3/14/2023 reappointed (agenda item 22)  
4/5/2022 reappointed (agenda item 38)  
3/16/2021 reappointed (agenda item 22)  
2/4/2020 reappointed (agenda item 21)  
9/17/2019 reappointed (agenda item 23)

James J. Barnes  
3/14/2023 reappointed (agenda item 22)  
4/5/2022 reappointed (agenda item 38)  
3/16/2021 reappointed (agenda item 21)  
2/4/2020 reappointed (agenda item 22)  
9/17/2019 reappointed (agenda item 23)

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

N/A

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**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

N/A

**Attachments:**

N/A

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

N/A