



COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION
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SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 12/16/2025

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

Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Title:

Approve the Reappointments of James J. Barnes and Sherie Hurd to the Sonoma County Public Law Library Board of Trustees each for a term of one year beginning January 2, 2026, and ending January 1, 2027.
(Countywide)

Recommended Action:

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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.

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 Sonoma County Public Law Library Board of Trustees (Board of Trustees) unanimously agreed on the Reappointment of James J Barnes and Sherie Hurd during their September 25, 2024, meeting. The Board of Trustees requests the Board of Supervisors approve their Reappointment for a term of one year. Non-judicial members of the Board of Trustees shall be appointed (or re-appointed) each year by the Board of Supervisors.

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 2, 2026, and

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ending January 1, 2027.

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 2, 2026, and ending January 1, 2027..

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Prior Board Actions:

Sherie Hurd

11/12/2024 reappointed (agenda item 27)

12/12/2023 reappointed (agenda item 40)

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

11/12/2024 reappointed (agenda item 27)

12/12/2023 reappointed (agenda item 40)

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

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

N/A

Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:

N/A