

First 5 Commission of San Diego

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Proposed Appointees for the Technical and Professional Advisory Committee (TPAC)

Overview:

According to the Commission's Bylaws, each member of the Board of Supervisors appoints a Technical Professional Advisory Committee (TPAC) member to serve for a period of two years, beginning in even numbered years. Recent changes in the bylaws have created vacancies in several of the Board of Supervisors appointee positions whose terms would have ended in December 2009. Staff recommends that the new members be appointed to complete the current term and serve a subsequent two-year term to end in December 2011.

TPAC membership is comprised of residents of the County of San Diego, and includes individuals with "specialized knowledge and experience in the areas of community needs assessment, health and social services program evaluation or child care, education, health and social services program administration." [Bylaws, Section 9(A)(1)(a)].

Appointees submitted for Commission approval are indicated below:

District 2 Appointee: Robert P. Yarris

Robert Yarris has an extensive background in the healthcare industry, with an emphasis on administration, operations, budgets and staffing analysis, organization, teaching, public relations, and marketing. He is currently a consultant with Grossmont College, where he has served as an instructor and director of the Regional Health Occupations Resource Center and program director for the Welcome Back Program of the International Health Workers Assistance Center. Mr. Yarris has an MA in Human Resources Management and an MBA in Health Care Administration. He has served several elected terms on the Grossmont Healthcare District Board and is currently on the Sharp/Grossmont Hospital Corporate Board. Mr. Yarris resides in La Mesa.

District 5 Appointee: Jim Farley

Mr. Farley is the President and CEO of the Leichtag Family Foundation. The foundation has a strong interest and commitment to education in general and to early childhood education specifically. Mr. Farley is a former practicing attorney with broad commercial business experience and a strong commitment to community involvement. Among his many community service activities, Mr. Farley is a founding member and board member of the Carlsbad Charitable Foundation, a member of the City of Carlsbad Parks and Recreation Commission, the Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas Community Advisory Board, the Envision Carlsbad Citizens Committee and the San Diego North Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Mr. Farley resides in Carlsbad.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the above Board of Supervisor Appointees to TPAC for the period of September 2009 through December 2011.