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TransNet ITOC Member Reappointment and Appointment Process

Overview

The membership of the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) consists of seven voting members, each representing a specific area of expertise. Per the ITOC bylaws, the ITOC members shall serve a term of four years, except that initial appointments may be staggered with terms of two to four years to prevent significant turnover at any one time. At the completion of a term, eligible incumbent members can apply for reappointment for another term. ITOC members shall serve no more than eight years unless the member's first term was less than four years, in which case the member may serve an additional two terms after the partial term. In no case, however, shall any member serve more than ten years on the ITOC.

Action: Information

This report provides an overview of the reappointment process for Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee members, as well as the solicitation and appointment process for new members.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

None.

Key Considerations

Attachment 1 lists the current membership of the Committee.

ITOC members whose term is ending and are eligible for reappointment are asked to complete an application if they wish to seek reappointment to their position.

Applications for a vacant position are requested from individuals interested in serving on the ITOC through an open, publicly noticed solicitation process. A public notice is posted on SANDAG's website, and the vacancy is advertised in local newspapers and social media platforms.

Following receipt of at least two applications for a vacant position and an application for reappointment from the incumbent member, the ITOC member selection process consists of the following steps pursuant to the Ordinance (Attachment 2).

- First, the Technical Screening Committee reviews all applications and recommends two candidates for each vacant position and considers the reappointment of the incumbent member for a subsequent term. The recommendation is provided for consideration by the Selection Committee.
- Next, the Selection Committee considers the reappointment of the incumbent member and selects the vacant ITOC member from the list of qualified candidates recommended by the Technical Screening Committee.

The selected candidate is expected to serve as an ITOC member following their nomination by the Selection Committee, with the term limit determined at the time of appointment. Reappointed members will begin their next term of service in June, with term limits similarly established by the Selection Committee at the time of appointment. Should the Selection Committee not select a candidate, the ITOC positions would be considered vacant at the end of the current term, and the same selection process would be initiated.

SANDAG solicited and received applications for two positions:

- The current vacancy for the position of a licensed engineer with appropriate credentials in the field of transportation project design or construction
- The member whose term is expiring for the position of a licensed architect, civil engineer or traffic engineer with demonstrated experience of ten years or more in the fields of transportation and/or urban design in government or the private sector.
 1. The Technical Screening Committee recommended two candidates for the open position and the reappointment of the incumbent member in the expiring position to the Selection Committee for their consideration. On [January 6, 2026](#), the Selection Committee selected Lima Saft for the vacant position and reappointed Francisco Rivera for an additional term.

Next Steps

Lima Saft will begin serving on the ITOC at its February 2026 meeting, and her term will expire in May 2028. Francisco Rivera will continue to serve on the ITOC through May 2030.

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- Attachments:
1. Current Membership of the TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee
 2. Excerpt from the TransNet Extension Ordinance