

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 1
(ID # 29728)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, January 13, 2026

FROM : CLERK OF THE BOARD

SUBJECT: CLERK OF THE BOARD: Elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2026. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Elect Supervisor Karen Spiegel as Chair of the Board
2. Elect Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez as Vice Chair of the Board

ACTION:

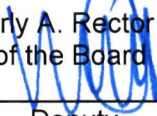


Kimberly A. Rector, Clerk of the Board 1/7/2026

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended to elect Supervisor Karen Spiegel as Chair and Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez as Vice-Chair.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: January 13, 2026
xc: COB

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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BACKGROUND:

Summary

At the first meeting in January of each year, the Board of Supervisors shall elect from among its members the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board.

Board Policy A-3, most recently updated in 2024, was adopted to limit the length of consecutive leadership terms and to establish a rotation system that allows for an orderly selection process. In relevant part, the policy reads: In each calendar year the vice chair for the previous year shall be elected chair and the next most senior Board member to the new chair shall be elected vice chair.

In 2025, Supervisor Karen Spiegel served as Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors. Pursuant to Board Policy A-3, she shall be elected board chair. Next in the rotation to serve as Vice Chair is Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez.

Although this rotation system provides each Board member with an opportunity to ascend to the chair and vice chair, those elected serve at the pleasure of the remaining members and may be removed by majority vote if they do not exhibit the appropriate leadership qualities. Board Policy A-3 specifies that the chair and vice chair must execute their duties with dignity, honesty, and decorum; they must create a forum for healthy debate while maintaining the spirit of cooperation; and they must serve as spokespersons for any position officially adopted by a majority of the Board even if they personally disagree therewith.