

OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES #949
JANUARY 15, 2026

A. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance. Vice-President Hudson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Directors Present: Dale Cox*, Katy Hover-Smoot, Bill Hudson, and Richard Koffler.

*Participated via noticed teleconference

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jessica Asher, Board Secretary; and Charley Miller, General Manager

Others Present: Melanie Arens, Michael Kennedy, David Stepner, Kevin Strange, and Joshua Toub

Mr. Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Public Comment/Presentation.

None.

C. Board Member Appointment.

The Board considered four (4) applicants who expressed interest in serving on the District's Board of Directors, filling the vacancy left by Director Smolen's resignation on November 19, 2025, and appointed Joshua Toub to the Board of Directors.

Director Hudson provided an overview of the appointment process and noted that all applicants would be interviewed in alphabetical order, as listed in the Board Report. He explained that it is a recorded open meeting and that all public attendees and applicants are invited to stay for the entire meeting. However, out of respect for the interview process and the other candidates, he requested that applicants leave the room while they are not being interviewed.

The candidates that were not being interviewed left the room. The Board interviewed each of the four applicants: Melanie Arens, Michael Kennedy, Kevin Strange, and Joshua Toub. Once the interviews concluded, the Board accepted public comment and deliberated on their decision. After deliberations, the candidates rejoined the room.

The Directors spoke highly of all the candidates, discussed the strengths the candidates bring to the District and the challenges to appoint a new Director, thanked the candidates for their interest in the District's business, and encouraged the candidates to run in the next election.

Public Comment –

David Stepner shared that he learned a great deal about the candidates and his fellow community members through the interview process and was impressed by the overall quality of the applicants. He stated that he prefers a candidate with the background, experience, and analytical capacity to address unforeseen challenges, including long-term issues such as future water supply and voiced support for Joshua Toub.

Director Koffler motioned to appoint Josh Toub as a Director to fill the vacant Board seat. The motion was seconded by Director Hover-Smoot. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Cox – Yes | Hover-Smoot – Yes | Hudson – Yes | Koffler – Yes

D. Board Member Oath of Office.

The Board accepted public comment, and Jessica Asher, Board Secretary, administered the Oath of Office to Joshua Toub.

Public Comment – None

F. Adjourn.

Director Hover-Smoot made a motion, seconded by Koffler to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. The motion passed.

Cox – Yes | Hover-Smoot – Yes | Hudson – Yes | Koffler – Yes | Toub - Yes

By, J. Asher