



Visalia City Council

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Visalia Administration
220 N. Santa Fe
Visalia, CA 93292

Mayor Brett Taylor
Vice Mayor Liz Wynn
Council Member Steve Nelsen
Council Member Emmanuel Hernandez Soto
Council Member Brian Poochigian

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

4:00 PM

Administration Board Room

Special Meeting - Planning Commission Interviews

Note: This meeting was not livestreamed or recorded.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Brian Poochigian, Mayor Brett Taylor, Council Member Emmanuel Hernandez Soto, and Vice Mayor Liz Wynn
Absent: Council Member Steve Nelsen

CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL SESSION- 4:00 PM

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

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SPECIAL SESSION AND ACTIONS ITEMS (as described)

1. Planning Commissioner Interviews - Conduct interviews and appoint one applicant to fill the upcoming Planning Commission vacancy for the unexpired term ending June 30, 2027, or reopen the recruitment process. [25-0728](#)

City Council conducted interviews with the following applicants for the Planning Commission: Joseph Halford, Kevin Bernardo, Fred Sheriff, Nathan Halls, Efrain Becerra, and Hector Prado Delgado. Each applicant provided background information and responded to questions from the Council.

Following the interviews, the Council engaged in discussion regarding the applicants' qualifications, experience, and interest in serving on the Planning Commission. After deliberation, the Council proceeded with the appointment process.

A motion was made by Council Member Poochigian to appoint Nathan Halls to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term ending June 30, 2027, effective March 24, 2026. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Wynn and carried with the following vote:

Aye: Brian Poochigian, Brett Taylor, Emmanuel Hernandez Soto, Liz Wynn

Absent: Steve Nelsen

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reyna Rivera
Chief Deputy City Clerk

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