

Lane Community College Board appoints Holli Johnson to Zone 1

EUGENE — The Lane Community College Board of Education appointed Holli Johnson to the Zone 1 seat by unanimous vote at its March 3 special meeting. Johnson will fill the remainder of the term which ends June 30, 2021.

Johnson is the first African-American woman to serve on Lane's board. She said in her application, "As a woman of color living in a predominantly white community, it is my goal to represent all ethnic groups in an equitable and just fashion."

Johnson has worked in education for 25 years.

She currently coordinates the African American/Black Student Success Program for Lane ESD, serving 16 K-12 school districts in Lane County, since 2019.

Before that she worked at the University of Oregon for 13 years in the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships.

She has previous board experience on the Oregon Association of Financial Aid Administrators. She is current chair for the Education Committee of the Eu-



Holli Johnson, recently appointed to Zone 1 by the LCC Board of Education, is the first African-American to serve on Lane's board.

gene-Springfield NAACP and is the educational director at St. Mark CME Church in Eugene.

A community college graduate, Johnson holds a Master of Education in Adult Education and Higher Learning from Oregon State University; a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Oregon; and an Associate of Arts in Sociology from San Diego City College.

The Zone 1, 3, 4 and 5 seats are up for election in the May 18 Lane County special election.

The deadline for candidates to file is March

18. Members serve four-year terms.

Zone 1 represents western Lane County including west Eugene and Florence. The Zone 1 seat was vacated last month when former board member Melanie Muenzer stepped down to accept another position.

For more information about Lane Community College:

• www.laneccc.edu/Newsroom

• twitter.com/LaneTians(link is external)

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is anticipated to impact tourism traffic in the surrounding area, including Cottage Grove.

The resort would be the destination for equestrian competitors and spectators on a "state-wide, national and international level," according

to the group's presentation.

It will include up to five indoor climate-controlled arenas, numerous outdoor grass and sand arenas, a dedicated combined driving course, an equestrian cross-country course, four full size grass polo fields and a resort/spa.

The project is expected

to take two to three years to build once preliminary approval is given by Douglas County.

Preliminary approval could come in the spring of 2021 after a public hearing by the Douglas County Planning Commission.

Construction is estimated to begin sometime in 2022.

A majority of Cottage Grove city councilors voted to present a letter of support for the project.

The next regular city council meeting is scheduled for March 22, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, and to protect the more vulnerable members of

the community, the City of Cottage Grove is holding public meetings virtually.

Links to these virtual meetings can be found on the city's website at cottagegroveor.gov and require downloading a GoToMeetings app.

Attendees are encouraged to witness the meetings online or by phone,

though anyone who cannot access the meeting online or by phone can attend the meeting in person in the Council Chambers at Cottage Grove City Hall.

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The Covid-19 pandemic impacts our stress and anxiety levels. One way to deal with the effects of the pandemic is to seek and build social connections in your community. Grupo FUERTE is a support group for Spanish speaking men in Lane County. Join Grupo FUERTE to learn about local resources, mental health topics and create your own social network. This is a free service sponsored by South Lane Mental Health. For more information or to enroll, call 541-942-3939 and ask about Grupo FUERTE.

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