

**CITY OF RENO
BOARD OR COMMISSION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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Name: Ron M. Aryel, M.D., M.B.A.

Name of Board or Commission for which you would like to apply:

The Board of the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority

Home Address:

Address: 35 Livermore Drive

City: Reno State: Nevada Zip: 89519-2122

Home Phone: 816-769-3583 cell E-mail: ron@renocenterforhealth.com

Occupation and Business Address:

Job Title: Physician, Consultant and Managing Partner

Business Name: Duck Pond Investments

Address: 35 Livermore Drive

City: Reno State: NV Zip: 89519-2122

Business Phone: 816-769-3583 E-mail: ron@renocenterforhealth.com

Preferred Contact: *If appointed, the address, phone number and e-mail address you wish to use for your contact information.*

Address: 35 Livermore Drive

City: Reno (see attached) State: NV Zip: 89519-2122

Phone: 816-769-3583 E-mail: _____

How long have you been a resident of the City of Reno? Reno Resident from 2008-2014

Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Reno? Yes: _____ No: x

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor other than minor traffic violations? Yes: _____ No: X

If yes, please list conviction dates and nature: _____

Education or Training Relevant to the board or commission to which you are applying:

B.A. , Communication Studies, 1983, UCLA

Professional Certificate, Applications Programming, UCLA Extension, 1985

M.D., Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia PA 1993

M.B.A. (Phi Kappa Phi honors), University of South Florida 2000

Explain briefly why you would like to be appointed to this board or commission. Please attach any additional information you wish:

The airport is an important economic driver in Northern Nevada; not only does it provide jobs and move people and cargo in and out of our region, it is a nexus of science and technology. As a board member, I want to help the Airport Authority improve the airport's capacity and efficiency, and reduce its environmental footprint. I want to accomplish this through greater investments in the workforce, advancements in technology at the airport, and evaluating and pursuing new ways of reducing emissions, fuel and water consumption, both within the airport in terms of the buildings built or renovated, aircraft handling, and transportation of people and cargo to and from the airport. One vital key to my personal contribution will be my listening to other board members, airport management and the airport's constituents. I will bring my work ethic, experience and ideas to the Board; however, and very importantly, I recognize that I will be answerable to the Mayor and City Council for my activity as a Board member, and these elected officials will help me to always act in the best interests of the people who live and work in Reno, as well as the visitors we welcome to our region through the Airport's gates.

I have attached, separately, a document with my past relevant experience.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I provided in the application is true. If the information provided is false or incomplete, it shall be sufficient cause for disqualification or removal. If appointed, I agree to attend a board or commission orientation session, if applicable, within six months of my appointment. I understand that failure to comply with this requirement will result in automatic removal from the board or commission.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please Return the Application To:

City Clerks' Office, P.O. Box 7, Reno, NV 89504

Fax: 775-334-2432 e-mail: CityClerk@reno.gov

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**WAIVER OF NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER NRS 241.033(1)
TO ALLOW CITY COUNCIL TO
CONSIDER CHARACTER, MISCONDUCT, OR COMPETENCE
OF PERSON TO BE APPOINTED TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR OTHER
PUBLIC BODY FOR THE CITY OF RENO**

The City Council for the City of Reno will be considering on a future posted agenda your appointment to a board, commission or other public body for the City of Reno. Pursuant to NRS 241.033(1), in order to consider the professional competence of an applicant, notice need be provided to that person of the time and place of the meeting in compliance with such statutory provisions.

By signing below, it is confirmed that I have been provided notice of the meeting at which my appointment will be considered by City Council. Further, I knowingly and voluntarily am waiving my rights to all written notice requirements under NRS 241.033(1) pertaining to my qualifications, competence, and character to hold this appointment and consent to the evaluation of my character and competence by the Reno City Council in a public meeting.

Further, the undersigned acknowledges that he may at any time withdraw both this waiver and related application for appointment.

Dated this 18 day of August, 2022.

Name of Board, Commission or Other Public Body to which the undersigned is seeking

City Council's consideration: RENO-TAHOE AIRPORT AUTHORITY
(Board/Commission/Public Body)


Signature of Applicant: [Signature]

By: RON M ARYEL
(Printed Name of Applicant)

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 8/18/2022

I present experience in support of my application to join to Board of the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority:

Airport Related Advocacy:

Beginning in 1994, I volunteered to support the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's proposal to build AirTrain, a \$1.9 billion driverless rail link between John F. Kennedy International Airport and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's main Long Island Rail Road hub and three subway lines. Working closely with Patty Clark, the JFK Airport Access Manager, I secured the political support of certain politicians in Queens, and dispelled medical misinformation about the alleged negative health effects of the system's construction that American Airline's lobbyist had purposefully spread through African-American communities because American's top executives wanted to scuttle the project. I discovered the details of the lobbyist's chicanery, and exposed him during a key Community Board hearing. The Community Board voted 13-3 to approve the project. The Port Authority implemented the link, a rail system utilizing linear induction; the MTA spent \$387 million to create ADA-compliant intermodal hubs, and AirTrain entered service in 2003, soon carrying 50,000 passengers a day. It was the first airport transit project to utilize Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) funds; hence it used no taxes. Today, the FAA encourages PFC fund use for public transportation, which fights pollution and climate change.

Aerospace and Defense Experience:

In the mid-1980s, I worked for Hughes Aircraft Company's Space and Communications Group in El Segundo, California (today, Boeing). I learned Total Quality methods there, authored by Kaoru Ishikawa, and my implementation of them in our Business Systems unit resulted in two Cost Improvement Awards.

I developed contacts that allowed me to launch an essay contest and summer internship program, wherein I was able to award students of high academic potential but impoverished backgrounds paid summer internships at several companies, including TRW in Redondo Beach (today, Northrop Grumman), McDonnell Douglas in Long Beach (today, Boeing), and Bechtel Power Corp., a constructor of airports, power plants and rail transit systems.

I maintain an interest in aerospace and defense matters; I subscribe to Aviation Week and Space Technology and read every issue, and also read the Wall Street Journal daily. I have had letters published in both publications.

Business, Science and Charity Experience:

In late 2014, I founded Duck Pond Investments, a holding company which first owned my medical practice's office building. Duck Pond Investments expanded rapidly, and today, is a successful residential real estate concern that owns both multi-family and single-family housing in Washoe and Lyon Counties, including in the City of Reno, City of Sparks and Fernley. I brought properties with deficiencies up to a state of good repair and expanded the rental fleet while maintaining a low debt to asset ratio (about 25%). During the pandemic, the company's very early efforts (with the full support of our property manager, Shoenberger and Shoenberger) to earn and maintain the trust and good will of tenants resulted in 100% rent collection, largely conflict-free.

Between 2010 and 2021, I operated Reno Center for Child and Adolescent Health, a pediatric medical practice that resembled an outpatient intensive care unit. Our biggest insurer cited our excellent outcomes and very high vaccination rates; we were one of only two pediatric practices in Northern Nevada to reach consistent

80-90% vaccination rates for ten consecutive years; the practice won an Outstanding Adolescent vaccination Silver Syringe Award one year, and in 2019, the CDC and American Cancer Society recognized RCCAH with the HPV Champion Award; at a 93% vaccination rate, RCCAH accomplished the highest HPV vaccine rate in Nevada and the second highest in the United States. On April 21, 2016, US Senator Dean Heller read a tribute into the Congressional Record; in 2018, Drexel University College of Medicine named me its Distinguished Alumnus. I designed an employee compensation and benefit program that resulted in a very low turnover rate; the majority of our employees stayed with the company for years.

In 2021 I founded the Albee Aryel Foundation, which awards Fellowships to students in Washoe County, of high academic potential but who come from impoverished backgrounds, to support them through a university education. Two are graduating next spring from the University of Nevada and one from high school. The website is aryelfoundation.org.

Beginning in January 1999, and continuing until my arrival in Reno, I was the head of government, healthcare and IT consulting for Del Rey Technologies, based in Los Angeles. My projects were varied: I created a Quality Management blueprint for New York City's Division of Mental Hygiene; this showed a city agency with an \$825 million budget how to leverage information systems in order to improve patient outcomes at mental health agencies instead of merely reporting contract compliance. I consulted for Wellpoint Blue Cross Blue Shield, helping that insurer to develop its first consumer-oriented health plans. I was a key subcontractor on Real Time Outbreak Disease Surveillance, the United States' first automated bioterrorism warning system; President George Bush visited the University of Pittsburgh's RODS Laboratory and modeled \$300 million in public health spending on RODS. In 2006, HANDBOOK OF BIOSURVEILLANCE, which I co-wrote and co-edited, was published by Elsevier; it was the first textbook to describe the principles and practices of biosurveillance, a branch of "Big Data." The book was required reading during the first years of the first graduate programs in biosurveillance at the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie-Mellon University. The book even found an enthusiastic audience at the Lawrence Livermore

Laboratory. The Northern Nevada Health District (previously, Washoe County Health District) uses RODS.

From 2020-2022, I served on the City of Reno's COVID Task Force and its Data Subcommittee. I helped build the COVID Risk Meter and I developed the architecture for its Predictive Tool. I recruited UNR's first aerospace engineer to assist me, and we created a tool that accurately forecast pandemic movement 7-10 days ahead.

In the 1990s, Johnson and Johnson, Raritan, NJ, hired me to help the company expand the antibiotic Levaquin from the adult market to the pediatric market. My Phase IV study design accomplished its goals.

Public Transportation Advocacy

From 2008 to 2014, I served on the RTC Public Transportation Advisory Committee/Citizens Advisory Committee. As a member of this committee, I was asked to serve on the RTC committee which evaluated and interviewed bidders for RTC RIDE's first "turn-key" transit operation and recommended the winner for the contract.

In 1999, I joined the (New York City) Manhattan Borough President's Second Avenue Subway Task Force. I secured state Senate and Assembly support for a subway extension and testified before Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver. Working together, we task force members succeeded in persuading the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board to place the project on the Five-Year Capital Plan and the worked to gain support for a bond issue, which was successful. Construction of the \$4.4 billion line began in 2007, and it entered passenger service in 2017, carrying 200,000 passengers a day prior to the pandemic.

Education:

I earned a B.A. in Communication Studies from UCLA, a professional certificate in computer application programming from its extension division, an M.D. from Drexel University and an MBA from the University of South Florida. I was elected to the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (business and engineering).

Awards:

1. 1998-2001: Two citations for outstanding service, National Disaster Medical System
2. 2000 Election to Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
3. 2008: Good Neighbor Award, City of Kansas City
4. 2014: Outstanding Adolescent Vaccination Program, ImmunizeNevada
5. 2011-2020: Recognition for consistently high vaccination rates
6. April 21, 2016: Tribute by US Senator Dean Heller
7. 2018: Distinguished Alumnus Award, Drexel University College of Medicine
8. 2019: CDC/American Cancer Society HPV Vaccine Champion Award
9. July 23, 2021: Proclamation awarded by the Mayor of Reno