

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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RESOLUTION NO. 21-75

**RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY
FOR THE COUNTY DIRECTOR-HUMAN RESOURCES/RISK MANAGEMENT
TO INITIATE ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS AND CONTRACT
FOR RELATED THIRD-PARTY INVESTIGATORS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is authorized by Section 25303 of the Government Code of California to supervise the conduct of all county officers; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is also responsible for the supervision of all appointed department heads; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has an obligation to supervise county officers and investigate alleged misconduct (Guarino v. County of Siskiyou (2018) 21 Cal.App.5th 1170, 1181); and

WHEREAS, the Board's supervisory power includes the power to investigate through use of its agents and officers and via contracts with third parties (Gov. Code 23003 & 23005, Skidmore v. County of Amador (1936) 7 Cal.2d 37, 40); and

WHEREAS, initiation of administrative investigations has traditionally been the responsibility of the Director-Human Resources/Risk Management; and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to delegate authority to initiate investigations (Gov. Code. 23005, Golightly v. Molina (2014) 229 Cal.App.4th 1501, 1515-1516); and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors wishes to formally delegate authority to Director-Human Resources/Risk Management for administrative investigations while retaining final supervisory authority to consider and act upon any resulting information.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt hereby delegates to the Director-Human Resources/Risk Management the authority to initiate, and if necessary, contract with third-party investigators for any inquiry involving County employees or officials as defined in Government Code § 24000 or County Code.
2. All County employees and officials are directed to participate and cooperate in any administrative action initiated pursuant to this authority.
3. The Board of Supervisors shall retain ultimate supervisory authority to consider and act upon any resulting information.
4. The Board of Supervisors shall retain the ability to modify or rescind this resolution.



VIRGINIA BASS, Chair of the Board

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Madrone and the following vote:

AYES: Bohn, Bushnell, Wilson, Bass, Madrone
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

