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Board to resume First District deliberations Wednesday

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, will resume deliberations on the issue of appointing a First District representative.

The four current members of the five-seat Board of Supervisors met for six hours this afternoon and evening in an attempt to fill the vacancy created earlier today when First District Supervisor Bill Postmus left the Board to assume the post of County Assessor, to which he was elected on November 7. The Board heard more than two hours of public testimony and three hours of presentations by the 13 applicants for the position before deadlocking on a 2-2 vote, with Supervisors Paul Biane and Gary Ovitt supporting First District Chief of Staff Brad Mitzelfelt and Supervisors Josie Gonzales and Dennis Hansberger supporting former Twentynine Palms Mayor Jim Bagley.

The Board voted unanimously 4-0 to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. this evening and take the issue of a First District appointment up again on Wednesday afternoon. Board members plan to speak again individually and privately with Bagley and Mitzelfelt before Wednesday's special meeting, but Board members also voted to not have additional contact with any other supporters of the two applicants.

Board members also praised all 13 applicants on the quality of their presentations and for their interest in public service.