

National Assessment Governing Board

Nominations Committee (Closed Session)

Report of August 7, 2010

Attendees: Eileen Weiser (Chair), Amanda Avallone, Andrew Porter, Oscar Troncoso, Warren Smith; Other Board members – David Alukonis; Board Staff – Cornelia Orr, Mary Crovo.

In accordance with the provisions of exemptions 2 and 6 of Section 552b (c) of Title 5 U.S.C., the National Assessment Governing Board's Nominations Committee met in closed session on August 7, 2010 from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

Nominations Committee Chair, Eileen Weiser, called the meeting to order and welcomed Committee members and Board member, David Alukonis. Ms. Weiser then provided an overview of the agenda as well as the topics to be addressed at this session. She reported that the notebook of finalists was delivered to Secretary Arne Duncan, for Board member terms beginning in October 2010. Secretary Duncan has made his selections from the Board's slate and the individuals' paperwork is now in process. Board staff are planning a one-day orientation session for the new members in advance of the November Board meeting.

The Committee then discussed the finalists Secretary Duncan selected for the following categories:

1. Fourth Grade Teacher
2. Eighth Grade Teacher
3. General Public/Parent
4. Secondary School Principal
5. Chief State School Officer

The Committee also discussed plans for filling the business/industry representative vacancy that was created in late July 2010 with the sudden resignation of a Board member due to family health matters. Finalists for this position were gathered from recent nominations finalists and reviewed in a teleconference by the Committee on August 3, 2010. This slate of finalists was presented to the full Board in closed session on August 6, for action in open session on August 7.

In terms of the next nominations cycle, Mary Crovo of the Board staff reported that solicitation letters and emails will be sent in mid-August, with nominations due on September 30, 2010. There are seven openings in six categories for terms beginning in October 2011.

1. 12th Grade Teacher
2. Local School Superintendent
3. State School Board Member
4. Chief State School Officer
5. Testing and Measurement Expert
6. Curriculum Specialist (2 openings)

The Nominations Committee briefly reviewed the outreach plan they had discussed in a recent teleconference meeting. The plan includes new strategies proposed by the Board's communications contractor, Reingold, to employ social media and other approaches to expand the 2010-2011 nominations search. The Committee endorsed the plan and added several additional outreach groups to the solicitation list.

In closing, Ms. Weiser thanked outgoing Nominations Committee members Amanda Avallone and Oscar Troncoso for their excellent work on the Committee during the past several years. Additional members will need to be appointed by the Board Chair in early October to ensure adequate representation for this next nominations cycle.

I certify the accuracy of these minutes.



Eileen Weiser, Chair

8/11/2010

Date