

National Assessment Governing Board

Nominations Committee (Closed Session)

Report of December 3, 2011

Attendees: David Alukonis (Chair), Alan Friedman, Doris Hicks, Hector Ibarra, Tonya Miles, Susan Pimentel, Andrew Porter, Mary Frances Taymans, Eileen Weiser; Other Board Members – Andres Alonso; Board Staff – 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 December 3, 2011 from 7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

Nominations Committee Chair, David Alukonis, called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

Deputy Executive Director, Mary Crovo, reported on the status of nominations for five Board positions for terms beginning on October 1, 2012:

1. General Public Representative
2. Local School Board Member
3. Non-Public School Administrator or Policymaker
4. State Legislator (Republican)
5. Testing and Measurement Expert

It was reported that the 2011 – 2012 call for nominations resulted in substantial numbers of nominees in each category. Approximately 4,500 letters were sent seeking nominations for this cycle with 95 percent distributed via email. The percentage of minority nominees increased from 17 percent of the pool in 2010 – 2011 to 23 percent in 2011- 2012. Nearly 80 percent of this year's nominations were submitted via email, up from 70 percent last year. In terms of the optional personal statement, nearly 50 percent of this year's nominees provided that information.

The Committee then discussed the timeline and rating process for evaluating the pool of nominees, as well as the qualifications of the nominees in each of the five categories. Committee members will rate the nominees during the next six weeks to prepare the slates of finalists for Board action at the March 2012 quarterly meeting.

I certify the accuracy of these minutes.



David Alukonis, Chair

12-13-11

Date