

National Assessment Governing Board

Nominations Committee (Closed Session)

Report of November 21, 2015

Nominations Committee Members: Tonya Miles (Chair), Lucille Davy, Doris Hicks, Andrew Ho, Fielding Rolston, Cary Sneider.

Governing Board Staff: Bill Bushaw, 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 November 21, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:10 a.m.

Nominations Committee Chair, Tonya Miles, called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda. The first order of business involved discussion of the chief state school officer vacancy on the Board. There are two state chief positions on the Board, but only one of those positions is currently filled. Mitchell Chester of Massachusetts, appointed in 2014 for a four-year term, is the current state chief on the Board.

The Governing Board's 2016 annual "call for nominations" ended on October 31, 2015. However, Secretary Duncan has requested that the Board expedite recommendations on a slate of finalists for one of the 2016 categories—chief state school officer. The Secretary would like to fill this vacancy in early 2016 instead of waiting until October of that year.

Mary Crovo presented information on the chief state school officer nominees received for 2016, which were independently evaluated by three members of the Nominations Committee per the usual protocol. The Nominations Committee members engaged in a discussion regarding the nominees. Following that discussion, the Committee was briefed on the pool of nominees received for the other six positions for 2016: general public representative; non-public policymaker; state legislator (Democrat); state legislator (Republican); testing and measurement expert; and local school board member.

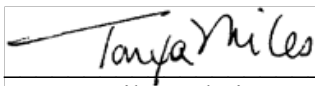
According to the nominations calendar for this cycle, Board action on the chief state school officer finalists will occur at the November 2015 meeting. Following evaluation of the other nominees by the Nominations Committee between December 2015 and January 2016, finalists for the six positions will be recommended for action at the March 2016 Board meeting.

In open session on November 21, 2015 at 8:10 am the Nominations Committee unanimously approved the following motion:

ACTION: The Nominations Committee recommends a slate of finalists to the Board for the chief state school officer position, to forward to the Secretary of Education for appointment of a new state chief in early 2016.

Ms. Miles thanked the Nominations Committee for their work on the chief state school officer finalists and commended staff for facilitating the expedited review process.

I certify the accuracy of these minutes.



Tonya Miles, Chair

December 7, 2015

Date