## **National Assessment Governing Board**

## **Nominations Committee**

## Report of March 5, 2016

**Nominations Committee Members:** Chair Tonya Miles, Lucille Davy, Shannon Garrison, Doris Hicks, Andrew Ho, Joseph O'Keefe, 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 March 5, 2016 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:10 a.m.

Nominations Committee Chair Tonya Miles called the meeting to order and provided an overview of the meeting agenda. Ms. Miles thanked members of the Committee for reviewing the large number of nominations during the last several months. Ms. Miles also expressed appreciation to Governing Board staff for supporting the work of the Committee. Nominations Committee members then received a briefing from staff on the status and demographics of the 2016 finalists, which Ms. Miles will present at the closed Board session at 8:30 a.m. on March 5, 2016.

For Board terms beginning on October 1, 2016 there are six openings:

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

For 2016 there are incumbents in the following four positions: General Public Representative, Local School Board Member, Non-Public School Administrator or Policymaker, and Testing and Measurement Expert. There are no incumbents for the two State Legislator positions.

In mid-February, the Nominations Committee held a teleconference to discuss the large pool of nominees for this cycle and to recommend a slate of finalists for each category. Pending Board approval, the slate of finalists will be delivered to Secretary John King in April 2016.

The Committee discussed the high quality and diverse numbers of nominees in the various positions for 2016. There was also discussion of the large percentage of self nominations in the 2016 cycle. Members commented on the requirement of the personal statement as part of the nominations submission package. The 2016 cycle marks the second year in which the personal statement has been required of all nominees. There was agreement among Committee members that the personal statement should be required in 2017, since the statement provides substantial information on a nominee in addition to the nomination letter and resume.

## **OPEN SESSION ACTION:**

I certify the accuracy of these minutes.

The Nominations Committee recommends the 2016 finalists to the Governing Board for approval at the March 5, 2016 meeting.

Tonya Miles, Chair

March 11, 2016

Date