

National Assessment Governing Board

Nominations Committee (Closed Session)

Report of May 14, 2016

Nominations Committee Members: Fielding Rolston (Acting Chair), Andrew Ho, Joseph O’Keefe, Cary Sneider.

Governing Board Staff: Mary Crovo, Deputy Executive Director.

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 May 14, 2016 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

Nominations Committee Acting Chair, Fielding Rolston, called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda. Mr. Rolston noted that Nominations Committee Chair, Tonya Miles, was attending her son’s graduation this weekend and could not participate in the May Board meeting. Several other Committee members were also unable to attend the Nominations Committee meeting.

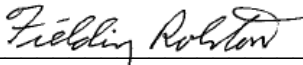
Mr. Rolston asked Board staff to review the status of the 2016 nominations. Deputy Executive Director, Mary Crovo, reported that letters and resumes of all finalists for the six Board positions were delivered to the Secretary’s senior staff in early May. The six openings for terms beginning on October 1, 2016 are: local school board member, testing and measurement expert, state legislator (Democrat), state legislator (Republican), general public representative, and non-public school policymaker. It is anticipated that Secretary King will make a public announcement of reappointed and new Board members in late summer or early fall of 2016.

The Committee then discussed the 2017 nominations timeline. The Governing Board’s annual “call for nominations” will be issued in early September 2016, with nominations due in late October 2016. The Nominations Committee reviewed a draft 2017 Nominations Outreach Plan developed by the Board’s communications contractors, DCG and Reingold. The plan outlines current, expanded, and new outreach initiatives to seek nominations for Board terms beginning in October 2017. For this cycle, there are three categories for which the Board will be seeking nominations: general public representative (two positions), testing and measurement expert, and elementary school principal. The two governor positions are also open, but the Board works closely with the National Governors Association for those positions.

Members discussed the outreach plan and expressed their agreement with the comprehensive approach and the continued requirement of a personal statement from each nominee. This brief personal statement is very helpful in rating nominees. Members reinforced the idea that the

Nominations outreach, because it is so extensive, serves to increase awareness of the Board, its mission, and its important policy initiatives. Members also provided additional organizations for outreach for the 2017 nomination categories.

I certify the accuracy of these minutes.



B. Fielding Rolston, Acting Chair

May 28, 2016
Date