

National Assessment Governing Board

Nominations Committee (Closed Session)

Report of December 7, 2013

Attendees: Tonya Miles (Chair), Shannon Garrison, Brent Houston, Hector Ibarra, Susan Pimentel, Fielding Rolston, Cary Sneider; 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 7, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

Nominations Committee Chair, Tonya Miles, called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

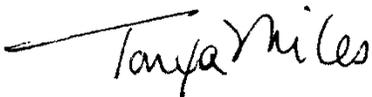
Deputy Executive Director, Mary Crovo, reported on the status of nominations for five Board positions for terms beginning on October 1, 2014:

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

It was reported that the 2014 call for nominations resulted in substantial numbers of nominees in each category. Approximately 8,000 letters were sent seeking nominations for this cycle. The 2014 nominations outreach also included enhanced web pages featuring improved navigation and a map with Board member audio testimonials. Website analytics showed the web pages received more than 2,700 visits and an increasing presence on social media. In terms of the nominations received, minority nominees increased from 26 percent of the pool in 2013 to 31 percent for 2014. This year 64 percent of nominees submitted the optional personal statement, which was an increase from 2013 (53%). In addition, many more nominations came from mid-west and western states that have not been represented in recent years.

The Committee then discussed the timeline and rating process for evaluating the pool of nominees. Members also described relevant qualifications of nominees and various experiences that would be an asset to the Board, given its current set of policy issues. Committee members will rate the nominees during the next several months to prepare the slates of finalists for Board action at the March 2014 quarterly meeting.

I certify the accuracy of these minutes.



Tonya Miles, Chair

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Date