

Regent Candidate Advisory Council  
December 9, 2022  
Room 120, State Capitol

Meeting Minutes

**Present**

Sen. Greg Clausen, Chair  
Barb Farrell, Vice Chair  
Stacia Wakefield, Vice Chair  
Rep. Connie Bernardy  
Drew Christensen  
Rep. Brian Daniels  
John Engelen  
Matt Hill  
Mark Jessen  
Charles Krause  
Kathy Madson  
Wendy Ojala  
Shivangi Pandey  
Morgan Peterson  
Sen. Jason Rarick  
Edward Reynoso  
Megan Thielholdt  
Rep. Ryan Winkler  
Dan Wolter

**Excused**

Richard Andolshek  
Debjyoti Dwivedy  
Kowsar Mohamend  
Quentin Moore  
Bill Otto

Sen. Greg Clausen, Chair, called the meeting of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) to order at 10:03 AM in Room 120 of the State Capitol. A quorum was present.

**Review of Selection Procedures/Selection of Interviewees**

Chair Clausen reviewed the process for selecting candidates to be interviewed.

Chair Clausen invited members to provide comments on the applicants. Discussion of applicants ensued and occurred throughout the selection process.

Voting commenced with 15 voting members present and voting and one voting member voting via mail.

### **Second District**

Kathy Madson moved to suspend the rules and interview Joe Atkins, Cheryl Bemel, Robyn Gulley and Richard Painter for the Second District Seat and dispense with the balloting process. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The results were as follows:

Ayes: Clausen, Daniels, Engelen, Farrell, Jessen, Krause, Madson, Ojala, Pandey, Reynoso, Wakefield, Winkler, Wolter

Nays: Bernardy

There being 13 Ayes, 1 Nay and 6 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

### **Third District**

First Ballot: Five candidates received a majority of the votes on the first ballot and automatically qualified for an interview. They were: William Humphries, Bill Luther, Steven Sanderson, Mary Turner and Penny Wheeler.

Rep. Bernardy moved to suspend the rules to interview the five candidates already selected for an interview (William Humphries, Bill Luther, Steven Sanderson, Mary Turner and Penny Wheeler) and dispense with the balloting process. Seconded.

Ayes: Clausen, Bernardy, Christensen, Engelen, Farrell, Jessen, Krause, Madson, Ojala, Pandey, Reynoso, Wakefield, Winkler, Wolter

Nays: Daniels

There being 14 Ayes, 1 Nay and 5 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

### **Eighth District**

Kathy Madson moved to suspend the rules and interview both applicants from the Eighth District (Susan Cohen and Tadd Johnson) and dispense with the balloting process. Seconded.

Ayes: Clausen, Bernardy, Christensen, Daniels, Engelen, Farrell, Jessen, Krause, Madson, Ojala, Pandey, Reynoso, Wakefield, Winkler, Wolter

There being 15 Ayes, 0 Nays and 5 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

### **At Large**

First Ballot: Five candidates received a majority of the votes on the first ballot and automatically

qualified for an interview. They were: Val Aarsvold, Arnaldo Curiel, Ken Powell, Rebecca Siekmeier, and Flora Yang.

Rep. Bernardy moved to suspend the rules and also interview all applicants that received eight or more votes (Mike Burns, Arnaldo Curiel and Michael Hsu) and dispense with the balloting process. Seconded.

Ayes: Clausen, Bernardy, Daniels, Engelen, Farrell, Jessen, Krause, Madson, Ojala, Pandey, Reynoso, Wakefield, Winkler, Wolter

There being 14 Ayes, 0 Nays and 6 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

#### **Notification of Interviewees**

Members then volunteered to make the initial calls congratulating candidates who were selected for interviews. Members also volunteered to call those candidates that were not selected for an interview.

#### **Procedural Details – Candidate Interviews**

Chair Clausen provided an overview of the interview process noting that interviews will be held the week of January 9 – January 13, 2023.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Rep. Winkler moved approval of the October 24, 2022 meeting minutes. Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:36 AM.