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ETHICS COMMISSION NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

City Hall, First Floor, Don Davis Room
Thursday, September 28, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mr. Simpson. Attendees: Chair Scott Simpson, Ellen Schmitt, J.J. Dixon and William Maule.

Others in attendance: Kirby Oberdorfer, Director of the Office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight (OECO); Paige Johnston, Ethics Attorney (OECO); Andrea Myers, Program and Training Manager (OECO); Sandy Homrighouse, Executive Assistant (OECO); and Cherry Shaw Pollock, Office of General Counsel (OGC).

Public In Attendance: Marie McGrath Hood.

Confirmation of Quorum:

All four (4) Nominating Committee members were present in-person and a quorum for the meeting was established.

Review of Applicant Interview Process and Questions:

The Nominating Committee reviewed and discussed the list of proposed questions for the applicants and subsequently selected the interview questions.

Interviews and Discussion of Applicants for Vacancy on Ethics Commission:

After its discussion, the Nominating Committee interviewed the following applicants, listed in order of their designated interview times: (1) Brandon Cooper; (2) Ilene Levenson; (3) Pamela Monk; (4) Yashma Murphy; (5) Leah Palestrant via phone; (6) Chauncy Peters; (7) Howdy Russell; (8) John Stepp.

Upon completion of the candidate interviews, the Nominating Committee discussed all the candidates. Following the discussion of each candidate, Ms. Dixon made a motion to recommend that the Ethics Commission appoint Leah Palestrant for the vacancy on the Ethics Commission. Ms. Schmitt seconded the motion. No public comment was given. With no further discussion, the motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

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Next, Mr. Maule made a motion to recommend Chauncy Peters as alternate for the vacancy on the Ethics Commission. Ms. Schmitt seconded the motion. No public comment was given. With no further discussion, the motion passed with a vote of 3-1.

Public Comments:

Mr. Simpson asked for public comment. Ms. Hood provided public comment.

Announcements:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Sandy Homrighouse

10-30-23

Sandy Homrighouse, Executive Assistant, OECO

Date of Approval

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