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ETHICS COMMISSION NOMINATING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 2, 2017

Conference Room 2C

City Hall

The meeting was called to order by Dr. George Candler, Chair, at 4:01 p.m. A quorum was present. Attendees: John Hartley and Joe Rogan (via telephone). Others in attendance: Carla Miller, Director of the Office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight (OECO); Kirby Oberdorfer, Deputy Director of the OECO; and Cherry Shaw Pollock, Office of General Counsel (OGC).

New Business:

Ms. Miller advised that an issue had been recently raised by a citizen regarding a question on the application for City Boards and Commissions, including the Ethics Commission, that requests information regarding the applicant's arrest and conviction history. Ms. Miller recommended that the question be eliminated due to its disparate impact on certain citizens and requested that the Nominating Committee issue a recommendation to the Ethics Commission regarding this issue.

Dr. Candler began the meeting with a review and discussion of the potential questions for the Ethics Commission applicants. Following discussion of the questions, the Nominating Committee determined that it would combine questions one (1) and two (2) into one question for the candidates and also selected questions five (5), seven (7) and nine (9) as additional questions for the candidates. The Nominating Committee agreed to eliminate questions three (3), four (4), six (6) and eight (8) given the ten (10) minute limitation for each of the candidate interviews. The committee also discussed the application of the Sunshine Law to the candidate interviews.

Subsequent to its discussion, the Nominating Committee interviewed the following applicants, listed in order of their designated interview times: (1) Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Shatrece Buchanan; (2) Timothy Danninger; (3) Mary Bland Love; and (4) Ellen Schmitt. The Nominating Committee did not interview candidate Marian McLean due to her absence from the meeting. The Committee also did not interview candidate Mitchell Kevin Woodall due to the restriction in the Ethics Code prohibiting employees of the City and its independent agencies from serving on the Ethics Commission. At the beginning of each candidate interview, the Nominating Committee members and Ethics Commission staff introduced themselves to the respective candidates. Dr. Candler then provided each candidate an explanation of the selection process and time commitment for the forthcoming vacancy on the Ethics Commission.

Upon completion of the candidate interviews, the Nominating Committee discussed all of the candidates. Following the discussion of each candidate, a motion was made to nominate Ellen Schmitt as the appointee and Timothy Danninger as the alternate appointee to the Ethics Commission. Motion was seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote of 3-0.

The Nominating Committee further discussed the citizen's concern with the question on the Boards and Commissions application requesting information regarding the applicant's arrest and conviction history. It was determined that the Office of General Counsel would examine whether to eliminate this question from the application.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.



Kirby Oberdorfer
Deputy Director
Office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight

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AGENDA

Nominating Committee
March 2, 2017
Conference Room 2-C
Second Floor
City Hall
4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. New Business

Interviews and Discussion of Applicants for Vacancy on Ethics Commission
3. Public Comments
4. Announcements

Set date and time for next meeting, if applicable
5. Adjourn

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SUMMARY OF ETHICS COMMISSION APPLICANTS

1. Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Shatrece Buchanan

Lieutenant Colonel Buchanan is retired from over a decade of service in the United States Army. She most recently served as Program Manager of the Equal Opportunity/Sexual Harassment Law Division at Fort Stewart, Georgia. Lieutenant Colonel Buchanan has served in numerous positions related to ethics in the military. She has acted as an advisor to the Commanding General on Title VII violations and reported directly to Congress regarding ethics violations of senior leaders. Currently, Lieutenant Colonel Buchanan is pursuing an Executive Doctorate in Business Administration from Jacksonville University.

2. Timothy Danninger

Mr. Danninger is a lawyer currently specializing in commercial litigation at Gunster Yoakley & Stewart, P.A. He is licensed to practice law in Arizona and Florida. Mr. Danninger currently serves as the Treasurer and Secretary for the Jacksonville Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and has been appointed to the Fourth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee. He would like to bring to the Ethics Commission his experience and perspective of the importance of ethics in government that he gained from adopting his children from Uganda, a process that lacked ethical standards common in the United States.

3. Mary Bland Love

Ms. Love is a lawyer currently practicing at Marks Gray, P.A. and has been practicing law in Jacksonville since 1978. She has been involved in various community and professional organizations, including Pine Castle, Inc., St. Johns Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville Legal Aid Foundation Board and American Board of Trial Advocates. In 2015, Ms. Love was appointed by Mayor Curry as the Jacksonville Bar Association representative to the General Counsel Qualification Review Committee. In 2016, she also served as the Florida Times-Union Editorial Board Citizen Member.

4. Marian McLean

Ms. McLean is retired and previously taught at Edwards Waters College as an Assistant Professor of Teacher Education and Director of Sponsored Programs. She also previously taught various ethics courses offered through the sociology department. Ms. McLean was/is a member of the Mayor's Council on Elder Affairs.

5. Ellen Schmitt

Ms. Schmitt is the System Director of Social Services and Case Management for Baptist Health System. She has served on the Ethics Committee at Baptist Jacksonville for the last twenty (20) plus years. She has been a member of the Metropolitan Jacksonville Area HIV Health Services Planning Council for the last eight (8) years and would like to continue her service to the City of Jacksonville as a member of the Ethics Commission.

Additionally, Ms. Schmitt has been involved in many community organizations, including as a board member, former President and current Vice-President of Changing Homelessness Coalition of Northeast Florida and a board member of PFLAG of Jacksonville.

6. Mitchell Kevin Woodall

Mr. Woodall currently works as the Investigations Manager at JTA. Previously, he worked as a Federal EEO Mediator and Investigator with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Miami, Florida. Mr. Woodall has nineteen (19) years of professional work experience with investigations and employment relations, including extensive experience in mitigating matters of fraud, discrimination and ethics. He is a certified as a Security/Investigations Manager by the Florida Division of License. Mr. Woodall also serves a board member of Changing Homelessness Coalition of Northeast Florida.