

Regent Candidate Advisory Council
January 4 - January 8, 2021
Remote Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Dan Wolter, Chair	Charles Krause
Barb Farrell, Vice Chair	Theo Menon
Kathy Madson, Vice Chair	Corey Miltimore
Paul Anderson	Kowsar Mohamed
Rep. Connie Bernardy	Quentin Moore
Drew Christensen (January 5, 7 and 8)	Wendy Ojala
Sen. Greg Clausen	Bill Otto
Rep. Brian Daniels	Lauren Peterson (January 4, 6, 7 and 8)
Debiyoti Dwivedy (January 6 and 8)	Alex Provan
John Engelen	Jerry Rogers
Jim Erickson	Paul Taylor
Tim Huebsch	Stacia Wakefield

Members Excused

Drew Christensen (January 4 and 6)
Debiyoti Dwivedy (January 4, 5 and 7)
Lauren Peterson (January 5)

Monday, January 4, 2021

Dan Wolter, Chair, called the remote meeting of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) to order at 3:05 PM. A quorum was present.

Chair Wolter provided an overview of the process for conducting the interviews.

Interviews:

Daniel Dorman
Randy Simonson
Eunice Biel
Don Lifto
Lucas Sjostrom

The meeting adjourned for the day at 6:36 PM.

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Dan Wolter, Chair, called the remote meeting of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) to order at 8:01 AM. A quorum was present.

Interviews:

Dave Hoang
Daryl Brandon Alkire
Val Aarsvold
Neil Franz
Karen Krause

The meeting adjourned for the day at 11:18 AM.

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Dan Wolter, Chair, called the remote meeting of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) to order at 3:02 PM. A quorum was present.

Interviews:

Karen Schanfield
Rachel Westermeyer
Michael Hsu
Mike Yost
Devin Driscoll

The meeting adjourned for the day at 6:50 PM.

Thursday, January 7, 2021

Dan Wolter, Chair, called the remote meeting of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) to order at 8:00 AM. A quorum was present.

Interviews:

Kodi Verhalen
Doug Huebsch
James Farnsworth

Chair Wolter notified members that candidate Amy Koch has withdrawn her name from consideration.

Chair Wolter called a recess at 10:03 AM.

Chair Wolter called the meeting back to order at 10:30 AM.

Interview:

Ruth Johnson

Discussion of RCAC Selection Procedures

Chair Wolter presented an overview of the RCAC procedures for the selection of individuals to recommend to the Legislature and outlined how the voting process will work. Chair Wolter noted that once a slate had been established through the selection procedures for a district, a roll call vote would be taken to finalize the slate for the district.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 11:35 AM.

Friday, January 8, 2021

Call to Order

Dan Wolter, Chair, called the remote meeting of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) to order at 10:02 AM. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Tim Huebsch moved approval of the minutes from the December 14, 2020 meeting. Seconded. Motion prevailed.

Review of Selection Procedures

Chair Wolter reviewed the RCAC procedures for the selection of individuals to recommend to the Legislature. The RCAC must recommend two to four people for each of the four open seats. It was pointed out that any council members who were absent or missed a candidate's interview should have watched or listened to the recording of the interview in order to participate in the voting process.

Rep. Bernardy moved to suspend the rules and that each member present confirm that they have listened to all of the interviews. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Rep. Bernardy, Sen. Clausen, Erickson, Farrell, Mohamed, Moore, Provan, Rogers

Nays: Anderson, Christensen, Rep. Daniels, Dwivedy, Engelen, Huebsch, Krause, Madson, Menon, Miltimore, Ojala, Otto, Peterson, Taylor, Wakefield, Wolter

8 Ayes and 16 Nays. Motion did not prevail.

Chair Wolter reminded council members that the custom has been for council members to have listened or viewed any interviews they missed in order to vote. He asked if anyone had not viewed all interviews. One member reported they did watch all of the interviews they missed due to scheduling conflicts.

Drew Christensen moved to suspend the rules and recommend the two incumbents: Michael Hsu and Randy Simonson. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Christensen, Dwivedy, Rep. Daniels, Krause, Menon, Miltimore, Ojala, Otto, Peterson, Wakefield, Wolter

Nays: Rep. Bernardy, Sen. Clausen, Engelen, Erickson, Farrell, Huebsch, Madson, Mohamed, Moore, Provan, Rogers, Taylor

12 Ayes and 12 Nays. Motion did not prevail.

The Council began the voting process.

First District

First ballot: None of the candidates received the required threshold of votes in accordance with the RCAC selection procedures.

Tim Huebsch moved to suspend the rules to close balloting and recommend Val Aarsvold, Daniel Dorman, Ruth Johnson and Randy Simonson. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Rep. Bernardy, Christensen, Sen. Clausen, Dwivedy, Engelen, Erickson, Farrell, Huebsch, Madson, Menon, Mohamed, Moore, Otto, Rogers, Taylor

Nays: Anderson, Rep. Daniels, Krause, Miltimore, Ojala, Peterson, Provan, Wakefield, Wolter

15 Ayes and 9 Nays. Motion did not prevail.

Second Ballot: One candidate, Val Aarsvold, received the required threshold of votes in accordance with the RCAC selection procedures.

Jim Erickson moved to suspend the rules to close balloting and recommend Val Aarsvold, Ruth Johnson and Randy Simonson. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Rep. Bernardy, Sen. Clausen, Dwivedy, Engelen, Erickson, Farrell, Huebsch, Madson, Miltimore, Mohamed, Moore, Ojala, Rogers, Taylor, Wolter

Nays: Christensen, Rep. Daniels, Krause, Menon, Peterson, Provan, Otto, Wakefield

16 Ayes and 8 Nays. Motion prevailed.

Chair Wolter pointed out that once a slate of candidates had been established, a roll call vote would be taken to finalize the slate for the district.

Bill Otto moved the RCAC recommend the following slate of candidates for the First District seat: Val Aarsvold, Ruth Johnson and Randy Simonson. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Rep. Bernardy, Christensen, Sen. Clausen, Rep. Daniels, Dwivedy, Engelen, Erickson, Farrell, Huebsch, Krause, Madson, Menon, Miltimore, Mohammed, Moore, Ojala, Otto, Peterson, Rogers, Taylor, Wakefield, Wolter

Nays: Provan

23 Ayes and 1 Nay. Motion prevailed.

Fourth District

First ballot: None of the candidates received the required threshold of votes in accordance with the RCAC selection procedures.

Second ballot: One candidate, James Farnsworth, received the required threshold of votes in accordance with the RCAC selection procedures.

Jim Erickson moved to suspend the rules to close balloting and recommend Daryl Alkire, James Farnsworth and Karen Schanfield. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Rep. Bernardy, Christensen, Sen. Clausen, Rep. Daniels, Dwivedy, Engelen, Erickson, Farrell, Huebsch, Krause, Madson, Menon, Miltimore, Mohammed, Moore, Ojala, Otto, Peterson, Rogers, Taylor, Wakefield, Wolter

Nays: Provan

23 Ayes and 1 Nay. Motion prevailed.

Tim Huebsch moved the RCAC recommend the follow slate of candidates for the Fourth District seat: Daryl Alkire, James Farnsworth and Karen Schanfield.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Rep. Bernardy, Christensen, Sen. Clausen, Rep. Daniels, Dwivedy, Engelen, Erickson, Farrell, Huebsch, Krause, Madson, Menon, Miltimore, Mohammed, Moore, Ojala, Otto, Peterson, Rogers, Taylor, Wakefield, Wolter

Nays: Provan

23 Ayes and 1 Nay. Motion prevailed.

Chair Wolter called a recess at 11:48 AM.

Chair Wolter called the meeting back to order at 12:01 PM.

Sixth District

Corey Miltimore moved to suspend the rules and recommend all three candidates from the Sixth District: Dave Hoang, Michael Hsu and Kodi Verhalen.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Christensen, Sen. Clausen, Rep. Daniels, Dwivedy, Huebsch, Krause, Madson, Menon, Miltimore, Ojala, Otto, Peterson, Rogers, Wakefield, Wolter

Nays: Rep. Bernardy, Engelen, Erickson, Farrell, Mohamed, Moore, Provan, Taylor

16 Ayes and 8 Nays. Motion prevailed.

Corey Miltimore moved the RCAC recommend the following slate of candidates for the Sixth District seat: Dave Hoang, Michael Hsu and Kodi Verhalen.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Rep. Bernardy, Christensen, Rep. Daniels, Dwivedy, Engelen, Farrell, Huebsch, Krause, Madson, Menon, Miltimore, Ojala, Otto, Peterson, Rogers, Taylor, Wakefield, Wolter

Nays: Sen. Clausen, Erickson, Mohamed, Moore, Provan

19 Ayes and 5 Nays. Motion prevailed.

Seventh District

First ballot: None of the candidates received the required threshold of votes in accordance with the RCAC selection procedures.

Jim Erickson moved to suspend the rules to close balloting and recommend Doug Huebsch, Lucas Sjostrom and Michael Yost. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Rep. Bernardy, Christensen, Sen. Clausen, Rep. Daniels, Dwivedy, Engelen, Erickson, Farrell, Huebsch, Krause, Madson, Menon, Miltimore, Mohammed, Moore, Ojala, Otto, Peterson, Provan, Rogers, Taylor, Wakefield, Wolter

24 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion prevailed.

Tim Huebsch moved the RCAC recommend the follow slate of candidates for the Seventh District seat: Doug Huebsch, Lucas Sjostrom and Michael Yost. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Anderson, Rep. Bernardy, Christensen, Sen. Clausen, Rep. Daniels, Dwivedy, Engelen, Erickson, Farrell, Huebsch, Krause, Madson, Menon, Miltimore, Mohammed, Moore, Ojala, Otto, Peterson, Rogers, Taylor, Wakefield, Wolter

Nays: Provan

23 Ayes and 1 Nay. Motion prevailed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.