

Regent Candidate Advisory Council
October 29, 2024
Room 120, State Capitol

Meeting Minutes

Present

Greg Clausen, Chair

Barb Farrell, Vice Chair

Edward Reynoso, Vice Chair

Richard Andolshek

Connie Bernardy

Barb Farrell

Matt Hill

Mark Jessen

Kowsar Mohamed

Wendy Ojala

Sen. Jason Rarick

Megan Thielholdt

Ryan Winkler

Excused

Rep. Brian Daniels

Debjyoti Dwivedy

Greg Clausen, Chair, called the meeting of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) to order at 3:05 PM in Room 120 of the State Capitol.

A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

The of minutes from the January 10, 2023 – January 13, 2023 meetings were approved as presented.

Presentation from Board of Regents Office

Regent Janie Mayeron, Chair, Board of Regents, presented on the characteristics and skillsets to look for in Regent Candidates and spoke to the RCAC Selection Criteria.

Brian Steeves, Executive Director, Office of the Board of Regents, spoke to the work of the Office of the Board of Regents, the role of the governing Board and the Board's current priorities.

Chair Clausen called a recess at 3:48 PM.

Chair Clausen called the meeting back to order at 3:52 PM.

Review RCAC Objectives

Chair Clausen reviewed the objectives of the RCAC noting that the role of the RCAC is to identify, recruit, and recommend two to four candidates to the Joint Legislative Committee for each open seat on the Board of Regents by January 15, 2025.

Changes to RCAC Statute

Sally Olson, Commission Administrator, presented on two changes made in the 2023 legislative session to the RCAC enabling statute. She noted the statute now designates the Senate Majority Leader as the appointing authority for 12 of the 24 RCAC members, instead of the Senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Rules and Administration.

Ms. Olson noted the second change to the statute was the addition of Subdivision 6, which now makes RCAC meetings, including subcommittee meetings, explicitly subject to Minnesota Statutes 3.055, the legislative open meeting law.

Election of Officers

Barb Farrell nominated Greg Clausen for the position of RCAC chair for 2024-2025. Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Connie Bernardy nominated Barb Farrell for the first RCAC Vice Chair position for 2024-2025. Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Connie Bernardy nominated Ed Reynoso for the second RCAC Vice Chair position for 2024-2025. Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Selection Criteria/Document Review Committee Report

Barb Farrell, Chair, Selection Criteria and Document Review Committee, presented the RCAC Selection Criteria/Document Review Committee report.

Matt Hill moved approval of the Selection Criteria/Document Review Committee report as presented. Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Committee Review and Assignments

Chair Clausen spoke to the RCAC Committees and requested members volunteer to serve on the committees.

Chair Clausen also requested volunteers to serve as chair for the following RCAC committees: Reference Check/Interview Process Committee, Recruitment Committee, and the Candidate Orientation Committee.

Richard Andolshek volunteered to serve as Chair of the Recruitment Committee.

Wendy Ojala volunteered to serve as Chair of the Reference Check/Interview Process Committee.

Sen. Rarick volunteered to serve as Chair of the Candidate Orientation Committee.

Matt Hill moved to elect Richard Andolshek, Recruitment Committee Chair; Wendy Ojala, Reference Check/Interview Process Committee Chair, and Sen. Rarick, Candidate Orientation Committee Chair as the At-Large Members of the Executive Committee. Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Discuss 2024-2025 RCAC schedule and timelines

Chair Clausen reviewed the proposed 2024-25 schedule and timeline.

Connie Bernardy moved approval of the proposed RCAC 2024-25 schedule. Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Adjournment

There be no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 PM.