Regent Candidate Advisory Council
January 6 - January 10, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Present
Greg Clausen, Chair
Barb Farrell, Vice Chair
Ed Reynoso, Vice Chair
Rahma Ali
Richard Andolshek
Connie Bernardy
Kenny Devine
Brenda Hilbrich
Matt Hill
Mark Jessen
Amanda Matchett (January 10)
Cal Mergendahl
Sen. Zaynab Mohamed
Quentin Moore
Wendy Ojala
Bill Otto
Shivangi Pandey
Sen. Jason Rarick
Lucas Sjostrom
Megan Thielfoldt
Steve Tyacke
Ryan Winkler

Excused
Rep. Brian Daniels
Debjyoti Dwivedy
Amanda Matchett (January 6, 7, 8, 9)

Monday, January 6, 2025
Barb Farrell, Vice Chair, called the meeting of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) to order at 8:40 AM. A quorum was present.

Vice Chair Farrell provided an overview of the process for conducting the interviews.

Sally Olson, Council staff, reviewed interview documents in members' packets as well as the reference check documents.

Interviews began at 9:00 AM.

Morning Interviews
Robert Albright
Benjamin Kaplan
Travis Johnson

The Council recessed for lunch at 11:50 AM.

The Council reconvened at 1:00 PM.

Afternoon Interviews
Josh Lease
Jamal Adam

The meeting adjourned for the day at 2:50 PM.

Tuesday, January 7, 2025
Vice Chair Farrell called the meeting of the RCAC to order at 9:04 AM. A quorum was present.

Morning Interviews
Robert Beacher
Ann Sheldon
Jenna Mitchler

The Council recessed for lunch at 11:45 AM.

The Council reconvened at 1:00 PM.

Afternoon Interviews
Scott Wallace
Katie Harms
Drew Christensen

The meeting adjourned for the day at 3:58 PM.

Wednesday, January 8, 2025
Vice Chair Farrell called the meeting of the RCAC to order at 9:03 AM. A quorum was present.

Morning Interviews
Madeline Rowe

Jeff Ettinger
Taiwo Aremu

The Council recessed for lunch at 11:52 AM.

The Council reconvened at 1:00 PM.

Afternoon Interviews
Dylan Young
Dan Wolter

The meeting adjourned for the day at 2:50 PM.

Thursday, January 9, 2025
Vice Chair Farrell called the meeting of the RCAC to order at 9:02 AM. A quorum was present.

Morning Interviews
Ellen Luger
Kowsar Mohamed
Flora Yang

The Council recessed for lunch at 11:47 AM.

The Council reconvened at 1:00 PM.

Afternoon Interviews
John Gibbs
Devin Driscoll
Scott Nagel

The meeting adjourned for the day at 3:47 PM.

Friday, January 10, 2025
Vice Chair Farrell called the meeting of the RCAC to order at 9:09 AM. A quorum was present.

Review of Selection Procedures
Vice Chair Farrell provided an overview of the voting process. She noted that the RCAC must recommend two to four people for each of the four open seats. Vice Chair Farrell pointed out that any RCAC members who were absent or missed a candidate's interview should have watched or listened to the recording of the interview to participate in the voting process.

Sally Olson, RCAC Staff, reviewed the RCAC procedures for the selection of individuals to recommend to the Legislature.

By actions of the Council, the following people were recommended to the Legislature.

Student At-Large

- Kowsar Mohamed
- Madeline Rowe
- Flora Yang
- Dylan Young

Fifth District

- Robert Albright
- Benjamin Kaplan
- Ellen Luger

Statewide At-Large (2 seats)

- Jamal Adam
- Jeffrey Ettinger
- John Gibbs
- Josh Lease
- Scott Nagel
- Ann Sheldon
- Dan Wolter

Approval of Minutes

Cal Mergendahl moved approval of the minutes from the December 13, 2024, meeting. Seconded. Motion prevailed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.