

APPLICANT REVIEW PANEL

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2019

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Chair: Mr. Coe

Vice Chair: Ms. Dickison

Call to order by Mr. Coe took place at 9:32 a.m.

Roll call was taken and all members present: Mr. Belnap, Mr. Coe and Ms. Dickison

After soliciting comment from panel members and the public, Mr. Coe then motioned to adopt the minutes from the November 20, 2019 meeting, as written. Mr. Belnap seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Coe welcomed everyone to the Applicant Review Panel (Panel) meeting and made several announcements. He briefly provided a recap of the Panel's progress so far and summarized the results of the November meeting that resulted in 685 applicants moving forward. He explained that the purpose of this meeting was to make a second reduction in the pool of applicants as they moved forward to selecting 120 of the most qualified to interview in person in late February. All panel decisions to remove an applicant must be unanimous and take place in an open meeting.

For those who are removed from the pool, Mr. Coe described the opportunities they may have to participate in numerous local redistricting commissions that were being established throughout the state. He explained that those who are selected to move on should pay attention to all email correspondence they would receive. For example, they would need to respond promptly to a request for the financial disclosure Form 700 that will soon go out to them.

Mr. Coe then introduced Panel Counsel, Mr. Dawson, who provided a three-part report. The first was from Mr. David King, Senior Staff Counsel for the California State Auditor's Office (Office) that described current and future activities of the Office in initiating work on background checks and responding to questions from applicants. Secondly, he described the Panel's ongoing review processes and progress thus far. He outlined the constraints they are under to refrain from discussing their reviews, or the applicants,



outside of a public meeting. He explained that, due to a technical issue that was resolved, one applicant had been added to the pool after the November meeting, bringing the total applicants in the pool to 686. He then described the individual reports delineating the outcome of the panel members' secondary review and indicated which ones the Panel would need to consider and take action on in this meeting. At the conclusion of his report, he requested that the Executive Secretary distribute the reports to the panel members and the public at the meeting. They were then uploaded to the Shape California's Future website. There were no questions from the panel members and Mr. Coe recommended a brief recess to allow them to review the reports for the first time.

At 9:45, Mr. Coe called for a recess until 10:15.

Mr. Coe called for comments from the public on the applicants. Mr. Quincy and Ms. Locks each asked a question and received a response from Mr. Dawson.

At Mr. Coe's request, Mr. Dawson then spoke about one applicant who had requested withdrawal from the applicant pool after the November meeting. Mr. King provided a document with the applicant's information to the Executive Secretary who distributed it to the panel members and the public. Mr. Coe made the motion to remove the applicant from the pool that was seconded by Ms. Dickison. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Coe then took up a discussion of the report regarding the 343 applicants who had not received one favorable recommendation from any panel member. He put forward a motion to remove those individuals from the applicant pool that was seconded by Ms. Dickison. Mr. Belnap commented that the diversity of the remaining applicant pool was improved from the original pool, and therefore he was in agreement with the motion. There was no public comment and a unanimous vote was taken to remove the 343 applicants from the applicant pool. The remaining 342 applicants who had received at least one favorable vote would move forward in the application process.

Mr. Coe and Panel members then discussed the application review process moving forward and each panel member discussed one to two applicants where they were the only yes vote and why they thought they should remain in the pool. They discussed how they would evaluate the remaining candidates before a third meeting that would be scheduled in early February.

Mr. Coe then called for Public comments on items not on the agenda, and Mr. Quincy asked a question. In addition, Mr. Stein from the Asian Americans Advancing Justice Voting Rights Program introduced himself and asked a question regarding the remaining number of applicants.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52.

