

**State Rehabilitation Council**  
**Nominating Committee Meeting Minutes**  
September 15, 2020

**Members Present**

Dan Martinez  
John Gutierrez  
Scott Lindbloom

**Members Absent**

Danita Applewhite

**Staff Present**

Lindsey Powers

**Guests Present**

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**Call to Order and Introductions**

Dan Martinez called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was present.

**SRC Officer Nomination Discussion**

Dan Martinez stated the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) and members had experienced challenges participating in the council due to the pandemic. Mr. Martinez stated the Nominating Committee should develop a slate of potential candidates for the Chair and Vice Chair positions within the SRC. Dan Martinez stated his understanding that the Sergeant-at-Arms position was not open for reelection. Scott Lindbloom stated he would be willing to serve as the Vice Chair of the SRC and noted that he did apply for a second term of the SRC. John Gutierrez stated that Scott Lindbloom was the current Sergeant-at-Arms of the SRC. Dan Martinez stated that Scott Lindbloom had been elected as the Sergeant-at-Arms the previous year, and those appointments were for two terms. Dan Martinez stated that he and Danita Applewhite would not be eligible to continue as Officers of the council as their SRC appointments would be ending. Dan Martinez stated that he had considered Adam Robson as a potential Chair nominee for the SRC, although Mr. Robson had indicated that he would prefer to participate on the council before assuming the Chair position. John Gutierrez stated that he would also nominate Adam Robson as the Chair. Scott Lindbloom inquired

whether Paula Seanez or David Cheesman could be nominated for the Chair position. Dan Martinez stated that David Cheesman worked for Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), and it might not be appropriate for RSA staff to be the Chair of the SRC. Scott Lindbloom stated that Dan Martinez and Danita Applewhite could remain on the council until their positions had been filled. Dan Martinez stated his understanding that the Rehabilitation Act was clear in the term limits of council members. Scott Lindbloom inquired whether a council member could be appointed to an Officer position for a short time until another council member had been appointed. Dan Martinez inquired regarding the council members whose terms would be ending. Lindsey Powers stated that Carol Carr, Dan Martinez, and Danita Applewhite's terms would end in October. Ms. Powers noted that Ana Nunez's term would also end in October, although she had recruited another staff member at the Department of Education to replace her position. Lindsey Powers stated Melissa Wojtak, Paula Seanez and John Gutierrez would be up for reappointment and Jill Pleasant had been reappointed.

Scott Lindbloom inquired whether Jill Pleasant could be considered for the Chair or Vice Chair position. Mr. Lindbloom stated that many council members did not want to be considered for the Officer positions because their work schedules did not allow them to take on leadership positions. Dan Martinez stated the Nominating Committee could also decide not to put forth potential Officer candidates and allow the council to decide. Scott Lindbloom suggested the council members nominate and appoint individuals over email. Dan Martinez noted that SRC members would not be allowed to conduct business over email, which would go against Open Meeting Law. Scott Lindbloom stated that council members could be asked their preference for the SRC Officer positions. John Gutierrez stated that Jill Pleasant could be nominated as the Chair and Adam Robson could be nominated as the Vice Chair. Dan Martinez stated his agreement with those nominations, and he would contact both members to inquire regarding their interest in serving in those positions. Scott Lindbloom inquired what Dan Martinez would do if they were both not interested in serving as the Chair and Vice Chair. Dan Martinez stated the Nominating Committee would meet again to discuss alternate candidates. Scott Lindbloom stated the Nominating Committee would need to identify more potential candidates for the SRC Chair and Vice Chair. Dan Martinez stated he would contact Jill Pleasant and Adam Robson regarding their willingness to serve as Officers.

He noted that if they were not able to serve as Officers, he would contact additional council members, such as Paula Seanez or Melissa Wojtak, who could serve as Chair and Vice Chair. John Gutierrez noted the challenge of getting council members to agree to becoming Officers of the SRC. Scott Lindbloom stated that he had been appointed to a Vice Chair position for the first time and was doing well. He noted that SRC members could learn from being in leadership positions. Dan Martinez agreed although the Chair and Vice Chair positions should be filled by individuals with experience leading groups and with an understanding of the process.

Dan Martinez stated that he would contact Jill Pleasant and Adam Robson to inquire regarding their ability to serve as the Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Martinez stated that if the Nominating Committee did not have a slate of candidates to present to the council, the SRC members could elect members to serve in the Officer positions. John Gutierrez inquired how the council would move forward if no one wanted to serve as the Chair or Vice Chair. Dan Martinez stated the council would be required to decide regarding the leadership positions. Dan Martinez stated he would contact Jill Pleasant and Adam Robson and the committee would meet again to discuss the slate of candidates.

### **Agenda and Date for Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the SRC Nominating Committee was scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00 am. Agenda items are as follows:

- SRC Officer Nomination Discussion

### **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

### **Public Comment**

A call was made to the public with no response forthcoming.

### **Adjournment of Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.