

Draft
State Rehabilitation Council
Nominating Committee Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2020

Members Present

Dan Martinez
John Gutierrez
Scott Lindbloom

Members Absent

Danita Applewhite

Staff Present

Lindsey Powers

Guests Present

Call to Order and Introductions

Dan Martinez called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was present.

Approval of September 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Scott Lindbloom moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 SRC Program Review meeting. John Gutierrez seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

SRC Officer Nomination Discussion

Dan Martinez stated he contacted Jill Pleasant and Paula Seanez to inquire whether they would be interested in serving as State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) Officers. Mr. Martinez stated that Ms. Pleasant and Ms. Seanez indicated they were not interested in serving as the SRC Chair or Vice Chair; therefore, the Nominating Committee would not have any recommendations to the Full Council. Scott Lindbloom stated he served in leadership positions on other councils and organizations and he would be willing to serve as the SRC Chair or Vice Chair. Dan Martinez stated the Nominating Committee did not have the authority to appoint the Chair and Vice Chair positions, and the Full Council would elect the Officer positions. Scott Lindbloom stated that many of the SRC council members were working full time and did not have

the time to devote to being in a leadership position. Dan Martinez stated that Scott Lindbloom could make his interest in serving as the Chair or Vice Chair to the Nominating Committee and the committee could decide whether to put his name forward to the Full Council for consideration or allow the SRC council to put forth nominations. John Gutierrez inquired whether Scott Lindbloom would need to choose whether he was interested in the Chair or Vice Chair position. Dan Martinez stated the Full Council would first elect the Chair position, and if Scott Lindbloom was not elected in that position, he could potentially be considered for the Vice Chair position. Mr. Gutierrez inquired what would occur if no members were willing to serve as either Chair or Vice Chair. Dan Martinez stated the SRC was required to elect Officer positions, and the Sergeant-at-Arms would serve as the Chair until a decision had been made. Scott Lindbloom inquired whether Dan Martinez could remain on the council until someone was elected as the SRC Chair. Dan Martinez stated the Rehabilitation Act was quite clear on terms of office for council members. Scott Lindbloom stated that other councils and organizations had trouble in getting individuals to serve in leadership positions and SRC members could not be forced into serving in those roles. Dan Martinez stated he would not force an individual to serve in a leadership role.

Scott Lindbloom inquired how an individual would be elected as a Chair or Vice Chair. Dan Martinez stated Scott Lindbloom would need to present himself to the Nominating Committee as a potential candidate for the Chair or Vice Chair position. Scott Lindbloom stated he presented himself as a potential candidate for the Chair or Vice Chair of the SRC. Dan Martinez inquired whether the Nominating Committee would put forth additional names. Scott Lindbloom stated that John Gutierrez would be great in a leadership role. John Gutierrez stated that he needed to remain neutral due to his position with the Client Assistance Program (CAP). Dan Martinez stated the Nominating Committee would need to decide whether to bring council members names forward to the Full Council or whether the council should make the nominations.

Dan Martinez called for the vote on whether the Nominating Committee would put Scott Lindbloom forward as a potential Chair or Vice Chair of the SRC. Scott Lindbloom voted in the affirmative, that his name be put forth to the Full Council. Dan Martinez voted against putting Scott Lindbloom forward to the Full Council. John Gutierrez stated that no one else had

expressed interest in serving as the Chair or Vice Chair, so he voted in the affirmative. Dan Martinez stated the Nominating Committee would then put Scott Lindblom's name forward to the SRC Full Council for consideration as the Chair. John Gutierrez stated the SRC would still vote on who was elected as the Chair. Dan Martinez agreed and noted the SRC full body was the decision maker for all decisions. Mr. Martinez stated the Nominating Committee could also put forth a name for the Vice Chair position. John Gutierrez inquired whether Dan Martinez tried to reach Melissa Wojtak by email and phone. Dan Martinez stated he attempted to contact Ms. Wojtak through her work email, and it came back undeliverable. John Gutierrez stated that many teachers were still working from home, which might affect her email. Dan Martinez stated that Adam Robson had indicated previously that he was not interested in serving as the Chair position but might be willing to serve as the Vice Chair. John Gutierrez stated he would agree that Adam Robson could serve as the Vice Chair. Dan Martinez stated he would vote in the affirmative for the Nominating Committee to recommend Adam Robson as the Vice Chair of the SRC. John Gutierrez and Scott Lindblom voted in the affirmative as well. Dan Martinez stated the Sergeant-at-Arms position was currently filled by Scott Lindblom, and the Nominating Committee would not need to make recommendations regarding that position. John Gutierrez inquired who would fill that position if Scott Lindblom was elected as the Chair. Dan Martinez stated that if Scott Lindblom was elected as Chair, the voting would be sequential for each following position.

Agenda and Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SRC Nominating Committee would be determined.

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 10:35 am.