

Educational Nominating Panel Convening Meeting
March 16, 2018, 2 p.m.
Mayor's Reception Room, 202 City Hall
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Wendell Pritchett, Bonnie Camarda, Kimberly Pham, Jamie Gauthier, Peter Gonzales, Sean Vereen, Derren Mangum, Pat Eiding, Ivy Olesh, Barbara Moore Williams

1. Mr. Pritchett welcomed everyone and explained the agenda for March 16, 2018. The Panel would be voting on additional names submitted to Mayor
2. Ms. Camarda moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on February 26, 2018, and Ms. Olesh seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
3. Mr. Pritchett explained the need and process for submitting additional names to the Mayor, a recitation of the dates on which the Panel held executive sessions to discuss candidates [March 9, 2018 via conference call, and in person on March 14, 2018]
4. Mr. Pritchett announced the potential candidates around which he believed the Panel had consensus:

Dawn Ang
Catherine Blunt
Jenny Bogoni
Alison Cohen
Deborah Diamond
Supreme Dow
Cheryl Harper
Will Jordan
Reed Lyons
William Peebles
Anna Perng
Brenda Rivera
Michael Smith
Andrew Stober
Katherine Stratos
Fernando Trevino
Wayne Walker
Christina Wong

5. Mr. Pritchett inquired as to any recusals. Ms. Olesh recused herself from voting on Reed Lyons and Katherine Stratos. Ms. Gauthier recused herself from voting on Andrew Stober.

6. The Panelists then each read short biographies for each of the candidates; Panel members had the opportunity to comment following each description.

- a. Ms. Olesh read a short biography about Dawn Ang.
- b. Ms. Camarda read a short biography about Catherine Blunt.
- c. Ms. Gauthier read a short biography about Jenny Bogoni.
- d. Mr. Eiding read a short biography about Alison Cohen.
- e. Mr. Mangum read a short biography about Deborah Diamond.
- f. Ms. Pham read a short biography about Supreme Dow.
- g. Mr. Vereen read a short biography about Cheryl Harper.
- h. Mr. Vereen read a short biography about Will Jordan.
- i. Mr. Gonzales read a short biography about Reed Lyons.
- j. Mr. Vereen read a short biography about William Peebles.
- k. Ms. Olesh read a short biography about Anna Perng.
- l. Ms. Camarda read a short biography about Brenda Rivera.
- m. Ms. Gauthier read a short biography about Michael Smith.
- n. Mr. Eiding read a short biography about Andrew Stober.
- o. Mr. Mangum read a short biography about Katherine Stratos.
- p. Ms. Pham read a short biography about Fernando Trevino. Ms. Camarda commented that he has two children that attend schools in the School District of Philadelphia.
- q. Mr. Gonzales read a short biography about Wayne Walker.
- r. Mr. Vereen read a short biography about Christina Wong.

7. Mr. Pritchett invited members of the public to comment.

- a. Lisa Haver commented that the Panel's work was in violation of the Sunshine Act. She called upon the Panel and the Mayor's office to schedule a truly public meeting where individuals could adequately discuss the process and the nominees.
- b. Linda Rubin commented on what she perceived to be a lack of transparency in the process, little opportunity for public input, and lack of diversity of the nominees.
- c. Barbara Dowdell commented about various School District of Philadelphia alumni and positive highlights of Philadelphia public schools. She also commented on its past struggles.

8. Mr. Pritchett invited members of the Panel to comment. Ms. Williams apologized for being late and commented on the Nominating Panel process.

9. Mr. Pritchett invited a motion to close the nominations. Ms. Gauthier moved for the nominations to be closed. Ms. Camarda seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

10. Mr. Pritchett then opened the floor for the Panel to vote on each of the potential nominees.

- a. Ms. Gauthier moved to nominate Dawn Ang, Mr. Eiding seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.
- b. Ms. Camarda moved to nominate Catherine Blunt, Ms. Olesh seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.

- c. Ms. Pham moved to nominate Jenny Bogoni, Mr. Mangum seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.
 - d. Mr. Vereen moved to nominate Alison Cohen, Mr. Eiding seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.
 - e. Mr. Gonzales moved to nominate Deborah Diamond, Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.
 - f. Ms. Gauthier moved to nominate Supreme Dow, Ms. Camarda seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.
 - g. Mr. Eiding moved to nominate Cheryl Harper, Ms. Pham seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.
 - h. Ms. Olesh moved to nominate Will Jordan, Mr. Vereen seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.
 - i. Mr. Mangum moved to nominate Reed Lyons, Ms. Pham seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote. (Ms. Olesh abstained.)
 - j. Ms. Camarda moved to nominate William Peebles, Mr. Eiding seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.
 - k. Ms. Pham moved to nominate Anna Perng, Ms. Olesh seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.
 - l. Ms. Gauthier moved to nominate Brenda Rivera, Mr. Mangum seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.
 - m. Mr. Vereen moved to nominate Michael Smith, Mr. Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.
 - n. Ms. Olesh moved to nominate Andrew Stober, Mr. Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote. (Ms. Gauthier abstained.)
 - o. Mr. Mangum moved to nominate Katherine Stratos, Mr. Vereen seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.
 - p. Mr. Eiding moved to nominate Fernando Trevino, Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.
 - q. Mr. Gonzales moved to nominate Wayne Walker, Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.
 - r. Ms. Camarda moved to nominate Christina Wong, Ms. Gauthier seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.
11. Mr. Pritchett thanked his fellow Panelists and asked the Panel for any additional comments. Mr. Eiding commented that this has been a tremendous experience and described the hard work of reviewing over five hundred applications and have the Panel members come together to put together a list of nominees that will help Philadelphia's children.
 12. Mr. Pritchett asked the Assistant Secretary of the Panel, Christina Hernandez to prepare the list of nominees to deliver to the Mayor on behalf of the Nominating Panel, and also thanked her for all of her hard work.
 13. Mr. Pritchett adjourned the meeting at 2:41.