National Assessment Governing Board

Nominations Committee
(Closed Session)

Report of March 1, 2014

Attendees: Tonya Miles (Chair), Shannon Garrison, Brent Houston, Hector Ibarra, Joseph O’Keefe, S.J., Fielding Rolston, and Cary Sneider; Board staff – Mary Crovo.

In accordance with the provisions of exemptions 2 and 6 of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C., the Nominations Committee met in closed session from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

Committee Chair Tonya Miles provided an overview of the agenda. Ms. Miles thanked Committee members for reviewing the large number of letters and resumes during the last several months. Ms. Miles expressed appreciation to Board staff for supporting the work of the Committee. Nominations Committee members then received a preview of the confidential Power Point presentation prepared for the closed Board session at 8:30 a.m. on March 1, 2014.

For Board terms beginning on October 1, 2014 there are openings in five categories:

1. General public representative
2. 4th Grade teacher
3. 8th Grade teacher
4. Secondary school principal
5. Chief state school officer

There are incumbents in the two teacher categories, but no incumbents in the other three.

In late January, the Nominations Committee held a teleconference to discuss the large pool of nominees for this cycle and to recommend a slate of finalists for each category. This information will be provided to the full Board for action on March 1, 2014. Pending Board approval, the slate of finalists will be delivered to Secretary Arne Duncan in April 2014.

The Committee discussed the high quality and diversity of nominations received for 2014. Ms. Miles also reported on the status of three additional open positions: the two governor slots and the business representative slot. Finally, the Committee discussed the positive aspects of the 2014 Nominations cycle and offered recommendations for enhancements in 2015.

OPEN SESSION ACTION:
The Nominations Committee recommends the slate of 2014 finalists to the Governing Board for approval at the March 1, 2014 meeting.

I certify the accuracy of these minutes.

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Tonya Miles, Chair          Date