

May 11, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents
FROM: David L. Buhler
SUBJECT: Regent Officer Elections

Issue

In accordance with Regent policy R120-3.2, *Bylaws of the State Board of Regents*, the Board of Regents shall elect a chair and vice-chair during the May/June meeting of the even years. The upcoming May 20, 2016 meeting is therefore the designated meeting in which the Board will elect a chair and vice-chair for two-year terms.

Background

Regent policy R120-3.2.1 states, "*The chair shall be elected by the State Board of Regents at the May/June meeting in each even numbered year and shall serve for a term of two years, or until his or her successor is elected and qualified. No State Board of Regents member shall be eligible to serve more than two terms as chair.*"

Similarly, R120-3.2.2 directs the Board to elect a vice-chair every two years on even numbered years during the May/June meeting.

The chair, under R120-3.6.1.1, has established a nominations committee, chaired by Regent Robert W. Prince and including Regents Teresa L. Theurer and Joyce P. Valdez. The committee members are responsible for contacting the Regents and seeking input regarding potential nominations for chair and vice-chair. The nominations committee will present its formal nominations to the Board of Regents during the May 20, 2016 meeting for a vote. The Board must have a quorum to elect officers. Regent policy prohibits proxy voting; only members who are present may vote.

Chair Campbell and Vice-chair Davis are completing their first term as chair and vice-chair respectively.

Commissioner's Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends the Regents hold elections for chair and vice-chair as directed by Regent policy R120-3.2.

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