



MINUTES

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMISSION ON APPELLATE COURT APPOINTMENTS

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

2:00 P.M.

STATE CAPITOL EXECUTIVE TOWER

1700 W. WASHINGTON STREET

TELECONFERENCE

PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

Members Via Conference Call: Angeles Maldonado, Jandi Craig, Lynn Constabile, Mark Barnes, Pinny Sheoran, Rachel Gray, Ruben Alonzo, Juliana Urtubey

Members Absent: None

Staff: Sean Berens, Noah Gabrielsen, Jillian Donegan

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1. **Call to Order:** Meeting of the Nominating Committee for the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments (“Nominating Committee”) called to order at 2:03 p.m. Sean Berens introduced himself, emphasized the importance of the commission, and took attendance with an opportunity for members to introduce themselves.
 2. **Review of statutory requirements:** Mr. Berens shared the general background of the process and reviewed the constitutional requirements of appointments to the Commission as stated in the Arizona Constitution, Article VI, Section 36. Mr. Berens explained the terms for the Nominating Committee are at the pleasure of the Governor and emphasized the importance of reflecting the diversity of Arizona’s population.
 3. **Discussion of applicants:** Tribal representation and educators inquiry from Pinny Sheoran. Party affiliation inquiry from Rachel Gray. Inquiry regarding the process after the Governor’s office receives the recommendation from Mark Barnes. Discussion around geographic diversity and what is helpful for the Governor when recommendations are forwarded. Rachel Gray expressed preference for sending 3-4 names instead of all 9 to prevent delays or conflicts with Senate confirmations. Pinny Sheoran raised the question of whether the committee should look at alternatives after selecting the top 3 names to recommend to the Governor. Ruben Alonzo expressed concern about limiting the number of applicants that the committee recommends. .
 4. **Call to the public:** No comments.
 5. **Selection of applicants for recommendation to the Governor:** Ms Gray moved to recommend all candidates. Ms. Constabile seconded the motion. Ms Sheoran moved to amend the motion to recommend all candidates, but highlight the three applicants listed below as “highly recommended” to the Governor:

Gladys Anaya

April Ignacio

Jacob Raiford

Vote on Proposed Amendment

Angeles – abstain

Jandi – Yes

Juliana – Yes

Lynn – Yes

Mark – Yes – Seconded the motion to amend
Pinny - Motioned to amend – Yes
Rachel – No
Ruben – Yes

Vote on Motion As Amended

Angeles – Yes
Jandi – Yes
Juliana – Yes
Lynn – Yes
Mark – Yes
Pinny -- Yes
Rachel – Yes
Ruben – Yes

6. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m