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To Board of Education

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Meeting Date June 21, 2022

Subject Interviewing Applications to Fill Board of Education Member Vacancy in District 6

Ask of the Board Conduct interviews of the nine interviewees applying to filling the Board of Education Member Vacancy in District 6

Background Shanthi Gonzales, the District 6 Director on the Board of Education (“Board”), resigned her position as a Member of the Board, effective May 2, 2022, thereby creating a vacancy (“Vacancy”).

On May 11, 2022, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2122-0084B - Filling Vacancy in District 6 by Appointment, by which the Board elected to fill the vacancy by provisional appointment. Consistent with Resolution No. 2122-0084B:

- Nine interested applicants submitted an application by 5:00 pm on June 1, 2022:
 - » Azlinah Adonna Tambu
 - » David (Joel) Velasquez
 - » David Correa
 - » Janell Hampton
 - » Julie Mendoza
 - » Kimberly Davis
 - » Kyra Mungia
 - » Natalee Kēhaulani Bauer
 - » Tamecca Brewer (Anderson)
- All nine applicants submitted fully complete and timely applications and were deemed to be qualified by the Registrar of Voters.

- On June 14, 2022, the Board held a special meeting and decided to interview all nine applicants by adopting Resolution No. 2122-0093 - Determining Preliminary Eligibility of Each Applicant for Provisional Appointment to the Board of Education Member Vacancy in District 6 and Selecting Interviewees.

Discussion

Resolution No. 2122-0084B also establishes a clear interview process:

- The interviews must be conducted in-person as there are no safety or public health concerns that dictate that any of the final applicants may appear virtually.
- Each Board member was permitted to submit up to two questions and all Board members did so. Those questions are attached to this item as required.
- Each interview will end after 20 minutes regardless of whether the applicant has responded to all questions.
- All applicants are prohibited from submitting written responses or other documentation.
- The Board will not be permitted to ask follow-up or clarifying questions.

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2122-0093, the order of the interviews shall be random.

Fiscal Impact N/A

Attachments ● Interview questions

District 6 Vacancy Provisional Appointment Interview Questions

- [President Yee] What are one or two of the biggest successes that you have seen in recent years in OUSD across the District as a whole?
- [President Yee] Besides more funding, what is one thing the Board can do to help increase enrollment at underenrolled schools?
- [Vice President Davis] Given the divergent perspectives on this Board and the serious issues that the District faces, what is your theory of action to make positive change in the District?
- [Vice President Davis] Former Board Member Shanthi Gonzales posted a lengthy critique of issues in the District when she resigned her seat. What points do you agree with and disagree with in that critique?
- [Director Thompson] Considering the District's mission and vision, how might they assist you in crafting policy as a Board member?
- [Director Thompson] What prior experiences do you have as a board member (or similar role) and how might that experience aid you as a Board member for OUSD?
- [Director Williams] OUSD has received more than \$66 million in new state funding to expand community schools. What would you do as a Board member to use these funds to transform our most challenged schools to become true community schools?
- [Director Williams] OUSD previously closed 18 majority Black schools, and 14 of those schools became charter schools. Unfortunately, the majority of the Board has again voted to close schools in Black and Brown neighborhoods. In addition, Proposition 39 requires OUSD to provide space to charter schools, further undermining District schools. What would you do as a Board member to ensure that any vacant school buildings are not given away to charter schools as has been the case in the past?
- [Director Hutchinson] Have you turned in paperwork and begun running for this seat in November?
- [Director Hutchinson] Now that Director Gonzales suddenly resigned after over 7 years on the Board are you willing to vote to overturn her (unpopular) votes?
- [Director Eng] What are the biggest issues facing District 6 schools and how would you plan to address them as a Board member?
- [Director Eng] What is your perspective on OUSD's current financial situation and how do you recommend the Board take action to improve the situation (if needed)?