

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

JUNE 4, 2025

MEETING TRANSCRIPTION

Greg:

Okay, why don't we start the meeting. Everybody's on in here. First thing on the agenda is a safety moment.

It's pesticides and food. Healthy sensible food practices. Because pesticides have many uses, we may be exposed to them in a variety of ways through food, water, and air. You may reduce the amount of pesticides you consume by washing all fresh fruits and vegetables to remove bacteria and traces of chemicals, peeling fruits and vegetables to reduce dirt, bacteria and pesticides. Discarding outer leaves of leafy vegetables, trimming fat from meat and skin from poultry and fish. Eating a variety of foods for a better mix of nutrients and to reduce likelihood of exposure to single pesticides. Buying organic and locally grown fruit and vegetables, growing your own produce and using non-toxic methods for controlling insects in the home and garden.

Okay, next thing on the agenda is review and discuss RPB Bylaws concerning appointment of officers. Does everybody know What we're charged with and what the Bylaws say? I'll read it. The principal officers of the board shall be the chairperson and the vice chairperson, the secretary and the treasurer who shall be members. The officers shall be elected annually by a majority way to vote of the board at its June meeting, and unless sooner removed by the board, the officers shall serve a term of one year until their successors are elected and shall qualify.

Any vacancies occurring in offices shall be filled by appointment by the chairperson as necessary. So we're charged that we have all the officers are out for renomination. Let me just go over who the officers are in case you're not aware. Chair is Robert Harvey, Vice chair is Stephen Mongillo, Secretary Jamie Young, and Treasurer Tim Slocum. Now no one has come forward that they're going to be considered to become an officer and I contacted every officer and they all want to stay on for another year. Is there any questions?

Rich:

I might add, I don't know that you could do better than this group of officers anyway. So proud to support these candidates.

Brian:

The only question that I have, this is Brian, is with everybody's term all ending at the same time. I mean you all came on at the same time. Is that a problem that having an entire new slate, or is it somehow better to get a stagger where at least one person who's on the board? Obviously it wouldn't happen for this time, but down the road that you have at least one person who continues on and I guess that could be Bob since he has a possible ability of an extra year. But other than that, I have no problems with the people on the board.

Charles:

I don't know if we can change their terms.

Brian

Right. No, I know. I'm just saying, just thinking about it in terms of long-term, not changing the terms, but when they started, they all seem to have started at the exact same time.

Rich:

Well, we've all been on the RPB different lengths of time. I think that probably benefits, but I do think that from, I haven't been on as long as you have Brian and most of the other members, but I think the idea is that the Vice Chair is sort of training up to become the chair.

Brian

So the Vice Chair can...

Rich:

Can run for chair.

Brian

So I didn't know if that was a problem or not. If that's once you've been on the board for three terms, you have to step off.

Greg:

No, you can go down if you wanted to a different chair.

Charles:

Yes. It's position specific, I think for three years.

Jamie:

Right. Okay. That's good to know. That would alleviate any issues that I would have.

Jamie:

What I don't know is, and I do think, and maybe Attorney Donofrio knows the question says that there's a term limit of three consecutive one-year terms. What if somebody was in office for a year left and then came back? Could they then be on three consecutive one-year terms or could they do one-on one-off into perpetuity?

Jeff:

Yes, they could.

Jamie:

And they could run for different positions and still be on the board. You could be secretary, but-

Brian:

But once three in a row you're all done. You can't do it again. Is that right?

Charles:

Can't do that position again.

Greg:

No, you can't do it in a consecutive, so you could come back and do it again. You would just need a break.

Jamie:

Yes, so you could do two-on, two-off, two-on, two-off-

Charles:

You could do three-on and one-off and then come back, which is three consecutive terms.

Brian:

As I understanding now. You could do three-on as Treasurer and then move on to three-on as Vice Chair and then three-on as Chair. So you could actually be on the board nine years in a row.

Rich:

As exciting as these roles are and full of glory and pump and circumstance, I have a feeling nobody really wants it that bad that they're going to maneuver to get nine years as chair.

Jamie:

I guess what I was thinking, maybe I should be clear that there's been several chairs since I've been on the board, all of which have been excellent and Mario has left, so he's not eligible. Let's say one of Bob's just, this goes to your point, Brian, if for instance, Bob Harvey was not reappointed to the RPB by his town. We would be out a chair. So either somebody could be nominated from among the executive group, or at that point you could go back to select somebody who served as a chair and put them in that position. So maybe Brian, that goes to your point of making sure that people know what's going on. We could dip back into folks with some experience if we needed to.

Brian

Yes, that's true.

Jamie:

I'm curious if anybody else on the RPB expressed any interest of serving?

Greg:

No.

Jamie:

Okay.

Greg:

No one came forward. An email went out to everybody.

Jamie:

Okay.

Greg:

The only question is that Tim Slocum told me he wants to stay on, but he doesn't know if he's going to be reappointed by his town.

Jamie:

That was in the back of my mind with my question. So if we had an issue, I don't know who else has served as treasurer, but we probably in the back of our mind, should have somebody in mind to recommend Bob. I think at that point Bob could, if Bob is reappointed as our chair, I think don't the bylaws say the chair can appoint somebody or...

Greg:

Yes, the chairperson appoints somebody.

Jamie:

Yes. So if Tim was reappointed, if Tim was selected by us and the RPB to serve again, then if he wasn't reappointed then,

Greg:

But Bob would have to appoint somebody.

Jamie:

Right. Okay.

Greg:

Any other questions? Okay. So next on the agenda is to consider action and to vote on these everybody. I think we should- In the past we voted on a blank slate on the full slate. I think since Jamie you're on this. We should do it individually. Okay.

Jamie:

And I'll abstain from mine.

Greg:

Jamie, when it comes to you? Yes.

Jamie:

Okay, thank you.

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Greg:

Okay. Board chair Robert Harvey is everybody in agreement, we should renominate him?

Committee members:

Yes.

Greg:

All right. Vice chair Stephen Mongillo.

Committee members:

Yes.

Greg:

Agreement. Secretary Jamie Young?

Committee members:

Yes.

Jamie:

I abstain. Thank you guys.

Charles:

You can vote for yourself. There's no conflict there.

Jamie:

You don't think so?

Charles:

No, not at all.

Jeff:

That's up to you.

Greg:

No conflict?

Jeff:

Or she can recuse herself, whatever she-

Jamie:

I'm going to recuse myself on that one.

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Greg:

Okay. And the treasurer is Tim Slocum. Everybody in agreement?

Committee members:

Yes.

Greg:

That's great. So we've got, everybody's going to be renominated, I'm sure they're going to be reappointed. Should we read the resolution?

Jamie:

Yes.

Greg:

Okay. I have a proposed resolution here, Nominating Committee, June 4th, proposed resolution. Resolved that the following officers are hereby elected to serve for the year, July 1st, 2025 through June 30th, 2026 or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified; Chairperson, Robert E. Harvey Jr., Vice Chairperson, Steve Mongillo, Secretary Jamie Mowat Young, and Treasurer, Tim Slocum.

Rich:

Make a motion to approve.

Charles:

Second.

Greg:

Seconded. All in favor?

Committee members:

Aye. Aye.

Greg:

Opposed? Moved. We adjourn. Any questions?

Jamie:

You run an official meeting.

Brian

Well done.

Jennifer:

There's not going to be another meeting, is that correct?

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Greg:

Yes.

Jennifer:

So I'll distribute the minutes to everybody and then you can send me your changes or vote online and then I'll post that in the minutes when I have approval.

Greg:

Okay.

Jennifer:

So you don't have to have a special meeting just to approve the minutes.

Greg:

Very good. Okay. Thank you. Thank you everyone.