

Representative Policy Board

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

October 3, 2022

Meeting Transcription

Brian:

Okay. Our safety moment for October is fire safety awareness. So make sure you have an escape plan and smoke alarms, and be careful with candles and fires if you want to do that and stuff. And now I guess we can go onto the second item on the agenda, which is talk to Kevin for a little while. So Jennifer, if you want to drop off, we'll talk to Kevin for a while.

[COMMITTEE MEETING RECESSES FROM 6:02 P.M. TO 6:48 P.M. TO MEET WITH INCUMBENT]

Brian:

Okay. Back to recording. All right. I believe the next item on our agenda was the approval of the minutes of our first meeting.

Stephen:

So moved.

Brian:

Second?

Charles:

Second.

Brian:

All in favor say aye.

Group:

Aye.

Brian:

All right. I think the minutes are done. Next up on the agenda is the discussion of the criteria. The criteria was accepted by the board. I think we were all good with the criteria, so I think we can just move on unless there's anything else that someone wants bring up about the criteria.

Charles:

Do we need to have a motion on that, Brian?

Brian:

Jennifer, do we need to move to adopt the current criteria?

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Jennifer:

Yes you do.

Charles:

I'll move it.

Tim:

I'll second.

Brian:

All approved say aye.

Group:

Aye.

Stephen:

Hey Jennifer. We didn't get any comments, right?

Jennifer:

No comments.

Brian:

Just one from Mario saying he thought they were fine.

Stephen:

Okay.

Brian:

Okay. Next on the agenda would be next steps in the selection process. I guess the next steps in the selection process depends on whether or not we want to go ahead and ask for Kevin's reappointment. So, we have a little discussion here. My own thought, and I think Kevin brought up one very good point about continuity. I think we do have a couple of relatively new members on the board. So I'm leaning towards, and they seem to be happy with him on the board and management is happy with him. I think Kevin is a good fit for the board and I'm leaning to reappointment, but I'm willing to hear other opinions if people have them.

Charles:

I'm leading that direction also, but I was wondering if we should get any input from the OCA

Brian:

Sure. Is that not appropriate for the OCA to comment?

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Tim:

I don't know if that's appropriate.

Greg:

I don't think it's appropriate.

Tim:

I don't disagree with you Greg.

Brian:

This is the only board having served in this type of role, I'm not sure which way to go. But I can see that this is our opinion and this is an opinion type thing that the OCA who is a legal counsel and it can go either way.

Charles:

My question wrong would be he has to work with that board. I can respect the rest of members' opinion. I was just wanted to make sure that he didn't have any particular issues with working with Kevin or anyone else. Doesn't seem to be responding.

Jeff:

I'm waiting for the chairman to tell me I can respond.

Brian:

Oh, okay. Sorry, Jeff. I think you can respond if you want and keep it to whether or not you have any issues with the board per se and not anything about Kevin as an individual.

Jeff:

I don't have any issues with the board.

Brian:

That's good enough for me.

Charles:

Good.

Stephen:

Brian. This is Steve. I frankly was encouraged by a number of things that Kevin said tonight. I think that he has the right concerns and hopefully he's going to respond appropriately in his role on the board. I have no problem with his being reappointed.

Brian:

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So all of us seem to be of the opinion that he should be reappointed. That is what I'm hearing. Therefore, I think the next steps are for us to approve a resolution for him to present to the board at the next RPB meeting, which has to, and to get to them 10 days before the RPB meeting. Jennifer prepared that for us, a proposed resolution. If she can put it up. This is the proposed resolution that be resolved that Kevin J. Curseaden be and hereby is reappointed as a member of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, effective January 1, 2023 with this term to extend until January 21, 2028. And until his successors appointed as has qualified. So do we propose that now amongst ourselves?

Charles:

I'll move it for this committee to approve and then you have to report to the RPB I guess.

Brian:

Okay. We have a second?

Tim:

I'll second.

Brian:

All in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Tim:

I had one question. I know we've voted on this, but how can we make certain that we get a fuller understanding on who controls term limits? Who decides it? It seems silly to me that this can't go... Not silly, but it would seem awful to me that this would be decided only within the Authority, but they could never come to that conclusion necessarily fairly. How can we go forward with that? Recommendation through the executive committee of the RPB?

Charles:

It sounds like not this committee but the Executive committee, that's an appropriate place for that to start the discussion if not-

Tim:

Right. So can that be advanced with a recommendation from this body or we just take it with us to the Executive committee? Those of us that sit there.

Stephen:

Take it to the committee and that the Executive committee can put some.

Charles:

Two of us are on the Executive Committee.

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Tim:

Exactly.

Brian:

So you can express our concerns.

Tim:

Okay. So there's agreement though. There is agreement. I thought there was [inaudible 00:06:47]

Brian:

There is agreement. Term limits, Kevin was saying too, but it can be two plus if you get appointed in the middle of a term.

Tim:

Of course.

Brian:

You get two full terms plus whatever you got to point it to before that. Or you could even go three terms. I mean it's 15 years and so two plus whatever you go into the third.

Charles:

I'd even take it the next step I'd look at expanding the board. I know Tim, you're not necessarily convinced, but I think it's worth some examples-

Tim:

Obviously.

Charles:

Also term limits of the officers. I thought that was particularly-

Tim:

I thought that was very important.

Charles:

Yes. like you pointed out, Brian, I mean we get committee reports, but each one of them is a committee of one and they don't have a committee of two or three members. They have a committee of one.

Brian:

Is it a committee of one or is it a committee of five? It's just a different chair for each one.

Tim:

I think it was committee of five. Yeah,

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Charles:

Well yeah, either way. Yeah, I mean that's right.

Brian:

It's still the same group of people seeing everything and not.

Tim:

Because they say they met as a group and then yes, and then we met as another group and they just danced around the same table. So Jennifer, do you bring this to Mario or we'll just bring it up under new business on our agenda? I have not seen the EXCOM agenda for Wednesday night.

Jennifer:

I know I just got the okay before the Finance committee meeting, so you probably get it tomorrow morning. But I'm going to email him and see. I don't know if we can do a new business at a special meeting.

Tim:

Yes, right.

Jennifer:

I'll contact Mario and we'll see if we can add that to the agenda and then you'll get it at some point tomorrow.

Tim:

Okay.

Stephen:

We don't meet that often Jennifer, so if we can somehow get it on the agenda for this meeting.

Jennifer:

Okay.

Charles:

Got to do that.

Brian:

Okay.

Greg:

Jennifer, do you ever see foresee us going back meeting in person?

Jennifer:

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Not yet. We haven't gotten the okay. We've had a couple calls for outside organizations that want to use the rooms and they can't come in to use the rooms either. So its still up in the air.

Brian, you're on mute.

Brian:

No, I was just looking to see if there's nothing else because we have the proposal for Kevin going forward. I think we can adjourn. Is there anything else we need to do before we adjourn, Jennifer?

Tim:

Charles was talking but he was on mute. Charles, you have-

Charles:

I forgot what I had... It wasn't anything important. Oh, I think it was something to do with the COVID count. Is the COVID count we going up or down at the opposite?

Jennifer:

I think as of last month. I thought Larry reported that there were five more cases from the month before if I'm not mistaken.

Charles:

[inaudible 00:09:58] I heard, which was disappointing. Well the problem is a certain number of those employees in that building have customer contact me, so that's the problem.

Jennifer:

Not too often. They have to make an appointment. Nobody can just come into the lobby. They have to have an appointment to come in.

Charles:

They have work in the field and that kind of stuff.

Jennifer:

Yes.

Charles:

Okay.

Tim:

I guess the only thing I would add, Brian, thank you. You did a good job. I think the committee did a good job. I think we did learn some stuff out of this process.

Jennifer:

Can I make one comment?

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Brian:

Yes.

Jennifer:

Since you won't be meeting again, I'm going to circulate the minutes for your approval so that we don't need another meeting to approve the minutes.

Brian:

Sounds good.

Jennifer:

Okay. All right.

Stephen:

Good. Very good.

Brian:

All right, so I'll take a motion to close the meeting.

Stephen:

So moved.

Tim:

Second.

Brian:

Meeting is considered adjourned.