



**Board Special Meeting**  
**School Board District VII Appointment Process**  
Wednesday, August 21, 2019, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Auditorium, John Stanford Center  
2445 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South, Seattle WA 98134

## Minutes

### Call to Order

Director Harris called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m. Directors Harris, Burke, DeWolf, Geary, Mack and Pinkham were in attendance.

### School Board District VII Appointment Process

- Action Item: Selection of Three Finalist Candidates for District VII Director Appointment

Director Harris noted that the purpose of the meeting was for the Board to select three finalist candidates for the District VII Director appointment and thanked the candidates for their interest in the appointment. Director Harris spoke to the appointment process and noted that the Board held a candidate forum on August 7 at Rainier Beach High School and would be holding a second forum for the three finalists on September 11, again at Rainier Beach High School. Director Harris stated that the Board would be voting to appoint one of the candidates to the District VII Director position on September 18 during the Regular School Board meeting and that the candidate selected would be sworn in during that meeting.

Director Harris explained the process the Board would be using to select three finalist candidates and noted that the process had been agreed to by the Board during a public work session held August 12 with additional input provided by the Executive Committee during its August 21 meeting. Director Harris stated that the Board would be voting in at least three rounds, with Directors first voting for three candidates, then two candidates, and then one candidate, with any candidates not receiving any votes being removed after each round. Director Harris stated that the Executive Committee had further clarified that for the third round, candidates receiving two or three votes would be identified as finalists and that voting would then proceed in rounds on any remaining candidates until ties between leading candidates were broken. Director Harris noted that the order of Director voting would alternate with each round of voting, starting on Director DeWolf's end of the dais per a coin toss during the August 21 Executive Committee meeting.

Director Harris introduced the first round and invited Directors to speak to the three candidates they were voting to recommend as finalists. Directors' votes were tallied on the screen as their recommendations were provided.

Director DeWolf recommended Candidates Smith, Salisbury, and Hersey.

Director Mack recommended Candidates van Arcken, Foster, and Salisbury.

Director Pinkham recommended Candidates Voz, Smith, and Hersey.

Director Harris recommended Candidates Foster, Hersey, and van Arcken.

Director Burke recommended Candidates Foster, Salisbury, and van Arcken.

Director Geary recommended Candidates Hersey, Salisbury, and Smith.

Director Harris confirmed with staff that Candidates Hahn, Hairston, and Rockey had not received votes in the first round and would not continue in the second round.

Director Harris introduced the second round and invited Directors to speak to the two candidates they were voting to recommend as finalists. Directors' votes were tallied on the screen as their recommendations were provided.

Director Geary recommended Candidates Salisbury and Smith.

Director Burke recommended Candidates Foster and van Arcken.

Director Harris recommended Candidates van Arcken and Hersey.

Director Pinkham recommended Candidates Hersey and Smith.

Director Mack recommended Candidates Foster and van Arcken.

Director DeWolf recommended Candidates Hersey and Salisbury.

Director Harris confirmed with staff that Candidate Voz had not received votes in the second round and would not continue in the third round.

Director Harris introduced the third round and invited Directors to speak to one candidate they were voting to recommend as a finalist. Directors' votes were tallied on the screen as their recommendations were provided.

Director DeWolf recommended Candidate Hersey.

Director Mack recommended Candidate van Arcken.

Director Pinkham recommended Candidate Smith.

Director Harris recommended Candidate Hersey.

Director Burke recommended Candidate Foster.

Director Geary recommended Candidate Salisbury.

Director Harris confirmed with staff that Candidate Hersey had received two votes and would be one of the three finalists. Director Harris introduced the fourth round and invited Directors to speak to one candidate they were voting to recommend as a finalist.

Director Geary recommended Candidate Smith.

Director Burke recommended Candidate van Arcken.

Director Harris recommended Candidate van Arcken.

Director Pinkham recommended Candidate Smith.

Director Mack recommended Candidate van Arcken.

Director DeWolf recommended Candidate Salisbury.

Acting Chief Legal Counsel Ronald Boy confirmed that the fourth round of voting had identified the two remaining finalists per the process outlined by the Executive Committee, as no ties remained.

Director Burke moved, seconded by Director DeWolf to approve Candidates Hersey, Smith, and van Arcken as the finalists for the District VII Director appointment. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjourn**

Director Harris adjourned the Board Special Meeting at 5:22 p.m.