

Boards and Commissions Nominating Committee

Thursday, May 23, 2024
Queen City Room | City Hall

Members present: Councilors Barlow, Grant, Neubieser, & Shannon, Deputy COS Joe Magee

Councilor Barlow called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Motion to adopt the agenda by Councilor Shannon, seconded by Councilor Neubieser.

Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Barlow opened the public forum at 6:05 PM.

Emily Eley asked for clarity about the process, specifically related to interviews.

Councilor Barlow clarified the Committee's process, explaining that first meeting will be to review applications and begin to outline the slate. Applicants who were selected for interviews will receive an email invitation to attend the 5/30 Committee meeting where interviews will be conducted.

Councilor Barlow closed public forum at 6:12 PM.

Committee then discussed the process for reviewing applications, with general agreement regarding past practice of reappointing incumbents who wish to continue serving. The committee agreed that untimely applications would not be considered for this round of appointments.

The committee then moved into discussion of applications by Board/Commission in alphabetical order as listed in the agenda.

Airport Commission

Councilor Grant expressed interest in interviewing applicant Jody Woos, committee ultimately reached consensus to reappoint incumbent commissioners who reapplied.

Board of Assessors

Committee consensus to recommend reappointment of Rob Gutman

Cemetery Commission

Committee consensus to recommend reappointment of Nancy Lee Kirby

Chittenden Solid Waste

Committee consensus to recommend reappointment of Lee Perry

Chittenden Solid Waste – Alternate

Committee consensus to recommend appointment of Matt Kobzik

Church Street Marketplace Commission

Councilor Grant expressed interest in interviewing both incumbent Commissioners and third applicant. Committee ultimately reached consensus to recommend reappointment of Sarah Beal and Cara Tobin.

Conservation Board

Committee consensus to recommend reappointment of Zoe Richards.

Design Advisory Board

Committee consensus to recommend reappointment of Emily Morse

Development Review Board

Committee consensus to recommend reappointment of AJ LaRosa. Committee discussed untimely application of incumbent Chase Taylor, and reached consensus that the application would not be considered due to untimeliness. Committee reached consensus to recommend the appointment of Miles E Waite.

Development Review Board – Alternate

Committee consensus to recommend reappointment of Evan Gould.

Electric Light Commission

Committee agreed to interview three applicants, Frederick Hall, Michelle Hobbs, and Pike Porter for the one opening. City staff will email invitations.

Fence Viewers

Committee consensus to recommend reappointment of Shay Totten. Two additional vacancies will be readvertised.

Fire Commission

Committee consensus to recommend reappointment of Jake Perkinson

Board of Health

No applicants, vacancy will be readvertised.

Housing Board of Review

Committee consensus to interview two applicants, Jacob Davis and Don Sligh for one opening.

Library Commission

Committee consensus to recommend reappointment of Emily Copeland, Patrick Halladay, and Amy Mellencamp for three openings.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Committee consensus to interview five applicants, Kirstin Boehm, Zachary Richard Roger Cummings, Marty Gillies, Larry Solt, and Hannah Waite for one opening.

Two untimely applications were not considered.

Planning Commission

Committee reached consensus to recommend reappointment of Michael Gaughan and Julia Randall, and recommend the appointment of Erhard Mahnke and Ryan Nick.

Police Commission

Councilor Shannon raised concerns about the attendance record of the incumbent, expressed interest in appointment someone else to the commission.

Councilors Grant and Neubieser, and Deputy COS Magee expressed support for the incumbent.

Councilor Grant raised concerns about qualifications of applicant Malik Mines specific to his handling of confidential information.

Committee ultimately agreed to invite all three applicants to interview for the one opening.

Public Works Commission

Committee consensus to recommend reappointment of Christopher Damiani and Daniel Munteanu. Committee agreed to interview Jacob Davis for Public Works Commission in addition to Housing Board of Review.

Retirement Board

One opening, no applicants, will be readvertised.

Board of Tax Appeals

Committee consensus to recommend reappointment of Alan Bjerke, and to appoint Emily Eley.

Vehicle for Hire Licensing Board – 1yr

One opening, no applicants, will be readvertised.

Vehicle for Hire Licensing Board – 3yr

Committee consensus to recommend reappointment of Paul Hines

Board for Registration of Voters – 3yr

Committee consensus to interview John Pat Burns

Board for Registration of Voters – 5yr

Committee consensus to recommend reappointment of Anna Schneider

Committee consensus to interview Jeanne Keller and Colleen Montgomery for second opening

Winooski Valley Parks District

Committee consensus to recommend reappointment of Andrew Jonah Gregg

Committee discussed next steps for 5/30 meeting and process for conducting interviews.

Councilor Barlow Adjourned meeting with no objection at 7:20