



MINUTES

Southern Nevada District Board of Health At-Large Member Selection Committee Meeting May 22, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.

Southern Nevada Health District, 280 S. Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107
Lake Mead Trail Conference Room

BOARD: Marilyn Kirkpatrick – **Chair**, Commissioner, Clark County
(Present) Scott Black – Councilmember, City of North Las Vegas
Rich Shuman – Councilmember, Boulder City

(Absent) None

ALSO PRESENT: None
(In Audience)

LEGAL COUNSEL: Annette Bradley, Esq.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Joseph Iser, MD, DrPH, MSc, Chief Health Officer **(Absent)**

STAFF: Heather Anderson-Fintak, Andy Glass, Amy Hagan, Mike Johnson, Fermin Leguen, Edie Mattox, Michelle Nath, Herb Sequera, Jacqueline Wells.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dr. Michael Johnson, Director of Community Health, called the At-Large Member Selection Committee meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** A period devoted to comments by the general public about those items appearing on the agenda. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. Please step up to the speaker's podium, clearly state your name, and spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this may be done by the Chairman or the Board by majority vote.

Regena Ellis, RN, representing Local SEIU 1107, stated the union's presence was there to hold the Board accountable in its selection of fair and just candidates that are ready to work with SNHD employees. They are looking to build a culture and heal a damaged workplace. They have an interest in the members of the Board of Health as it relates to protecting the health of people residing in Clark County. The union would like to ensure that the people of this community have access to public health services, regardless of their ability to pay. Members are needed on this Board who are interested in people first, not in the profit to be made from medical care. This is not to say that budgets are not important, however, one needs to see clearly through analysis of cost shifting, that makes one area appear more cost effective than another.

Victoria Harding, SNHD, SEIU, has had ten years of experience knowing and caring who is on the District's Board. Ms. Harding indicated in many respects, there are a lot of new people on the current Board, which is great as new people bring new things to the board. However, she is worried because over the last couple of years institutionally, there has been a lot of upheaval. Ms. Harding explained that typically what has happened within the District, is the Chief Health Officer has come up from the bottom, up through the District, and there was a lot of institutional knowledge. As the current Chief Health Officer came from the outside, which can actually bring a lot of good things, there is not a lot of institutional or community knowledge. Employees and Board are relied upon heavily for having that knowledge. There has been a lot of turnover from employees who have been at the District for a very long time, which also tends to worry Ms. Harding. In reviewing the nominations, she is very happy

that so many qualified individuals are interested in the District's Board. As Commissioner Giunchigliani, likely the longest standing Board member, will be leaving the board eventually, Dr. Nemec has been on the Board and involved for a very long time. Ms. Harding would hate to lose that type of institutional knowledge. She likes the fact that a lot of food industry staff applied for regulated position, which is a good thing, and they are on the business side of the industry. This will be important as the District moves to raise fees on permits and food regulations.

Seeing no one else, Dr. Johnson closed this portion of the meeting.

III. **ADOPTION OF THE MAY 22, 2018 AGENDA (for possible action)**

A motion was made by Member Kirkpatrick seconded by Member Black and carried unanimously to Adopt the May 22, 2018 Agenda as presented.

IV. **REPORT/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

1. **Nomination of Chair of the At-Large Member Selection Committee**: direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary **(for possible action)**

A motion was made by Member Kirkpatrick to nominate Member Shuman as Chair.

The motion made by Member Kirkpatrick to nominate Member Shuman as Chair was carried unanimously.

2. **Approve At-Large Member Selection Committee Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2016**: direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary **(for possible action)**

A motion was made by Member Kirkpatrick seconded by Member Black and carried unanimously to approve the At-Large Member Selection Committee Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2016 as presented.

3. **Receive and Consider Applications Approve Recommendations for Full Board At-Large Members and Public Health Advisory Board Members for the Southern Nevada Health District Board of Health for the Following Positions and Two-Year Term Beginning July 2018**: direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary **(for possible action)**

Full Board (3)

- a) [One representative who is a physician licensed to practice medicine in this State](#);
- b) [One representative of a nongaming business or from a business or industry that is subject to regulation by the health district](#); and
- c) One representative of the association of gaming establishments.

Chair Shuman noted the Nevada Resort Association Gaming appointee (Item c) would be named at the Nevada Resort Association's June 13, 2018 Board meeting. This item was set aside and will be accepted at the Board meeting when received.

Three individuals applied for the Board of Health Physician seat (Item a):

1. [Lesley Dickson](#)
2. [John Fildes](#)
3. [Frank Nemec](#) (current physician)

Member Kirkpatrick nominated Dr. Frank Nemec as the At-Large Physician representative.

A motion was made by Member Kirkpatrick seconded by Member Black and carried unanimously to close nominations.

A motion was made by Member Kirkpatrick seconded by Member Black and carried unanimously to reappoint Dr. Frank Nemecek as the At-Large physician representative for the next two-year term.

Ten applications were received for the Board of Health nongaming/regulated business or industry that is subject to regulation by the health district (Item b):

1. [Sakena Alhassan](#)
2. [Paul Beckstrom](#)
3. [Ellen Boyer](#)
4. [Nicole Brisson](#)
5. [Clinton Combs](#)
6. [Elaine Glaser](#)
7. [Renee' Rivera-Shaffer](#)
8. [Alfonso Sang-Chiang](#)
9. [Scott Viver](#)
10. [David Wachs](#)

Member Kirkpatrick believes that both solid waste and food needs to be represented on the Board, however, the appointments are currently regulated by statute. She believes that with the number of qualified candidates from the industry, this balance can be made with the Advisory Board appointment.

Member Black believes at Board level, there are internal experts available, and he is looking more for someone who has a broad scope of executive experience that would bring value to the board. Based upon application review, Elaine Glaser and Clinton Combs meet this criteria for Member Black.

Member Shuman, a former Advisory Board member, agrees that it would benefit the Advisory Board to have a representative from the industry as a member. Clinton Combs meets the criteria for Member Shuman, based on application review.

Member Kirkpatrick also believes Mr. Combs meets her criteria and she had a recommendation from the Asian Chamber of Commerce for Alfonso Sang-Chiang, although she does not personally know him. Ms. Kirkpatrick believes that it may be time to need more than one food person, particularly an individual that is "in the weeds" as opposed to a consultant.

Chair Shuman opened the floor to any regulated industry applicants present who would like to speak on their own behalf.

Ms. Nicole Brisson, current Culinary Director, B&BHG, spoke on her own behalf.

Mr. Alfonso Sang-Chiang, retired food operations, spoke on his own behalf.

Mr. David Wachs, applicant who currently operates mini-bars at a very large night club, spoke on his own behalf.

Member Kirkpatrick noted her biggest complaint with the District in legislature was having a consultant as opposed to a "boots on the ground" individual in the industry, as she came from the food industry and vendors and chefs were never included in the regulation process. Member Kirkpatrick confirmed Mr. Sang-Chiang is retired, Mr. Wachs and Ms. Brisson work full-time in food operations.

Chair Shuman selected Ms. Brisson as his recommendation, explaining that he believed on paper, Mr. Combs, as well as the other applicants, are excellent candidates, however, he put a lot of weight into who put forth the effort to show up at the meeting. It is a public meeting and the most interested parties, in his opinion, should be there.

Member Black reported his initial thought had changed because of the education from this experience, and agrees with the Chair that showing up is critically important. Member Black senses an intensity of commitment from Ms. Brisson, which he hopes would translate to a Board role, and recommended her as his choice for the regulated member of the Board.

Member Kirkpatrick noted it is very important to have dedicated experts on the board to assist in facilitating the process.

A motion was made by Chair Shuman seconded by Member Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously to close nominations.

A motion was made by Member Black seconded by Member Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously to appoint Ms. Nicole Brisson as the At-Large member nongaming business or industry that is subject to regulation by the health district representative.

Advisory Board (3)

- a) One representative who is physician licensed to practice medicine in this State, selected on the basis of his or her education, training, experience or demonstrated abilities in the provision of health care services to members of minority groups and other medically underserved populations;
- b) One representative who is a nurse licensed to practice nursing in this State; and
- c) One representative with a background or expertise in environmental health or environmental health services.

An application was received from [Dr. Kenneth Osgood](#), who currently serves on the Advisory Board, for the physician representative seat (Item a).

A motion was made by Chair Shuman seconded by Member Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously to reappoint Dr. Kenneth Osgood as the Advisory Board At-Large physician representative.

Two individuals applied for the nurse representative seat (Item b):

1. [Michael I. Collins](#)
2. [Elizabeth Fildes](#)

Mr. Collins is currently the Advisory Board nurse representative and the Chair of the Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Chair Shuman seconded by Member Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously to close nominations.

A motion was made by Member Kirkpatrick seconded by Member Black and carried unanimously to reappoint Mr. Michael Collins as At-Large member nurse representative.

As there were no applications received for the environmental health services position (Item c), Member Kirkpatrick asked Annette Bradley, Legal Counsel if an individual that applied for another position could be appointed. Ms. Bradley advised the At Large Committee makes recommendations to the full board, and could recommend whatever the sub-committee deemed appropriate.

The committee asked Mr. David Wachs if he had any interest in Environmental Health position on the Advisory Board. Mr. Wachs indicated he would accept the position if offered.

Chair Shuman nominated David Wachs as the Environmental Health representative on the Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Chair Shuman seconded by Member Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously to recommend Mr. David Wachs as the Environmental Health representative.

A motion was made by Chair Shuman seconded by Member Black and carried unanimously to advise the Full board at the May 22, 2018 meeting of the nominations presented at this meeting as follows:

Full Board

Physician

Dr. Frank Nemec

Regulated Business/Industry

Nicole Brisson

Gaming

To be appointed by the Nevada Resort Association on 6/13/18

Advisory Board

Physician

Dr. Kenneth Osgood

Registered Nurse

Michael Collins

Environmental Health

David Wachs

- V. PUBLIC COMMENT:** A period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments, about matters relevant to the Board's jurisdiction will be held. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of this Agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to NRS 241.020. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. Please step up to the speaker's podium, clearly state your name and spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this may be done by the Chairman or the Board by majority vote.

Seeing no one, the Chair closed this portion of the meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Joseph P. Iser, MD, DrPH, MSc
Chief Health Officer/Executive Secretary

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