

**Oregon State Bar**  
**Special Open Session of the Board of Governors**  
**October 6, 2015**  
**Minutes**

President Richard Spier called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on October 6, 2015. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m. Members present from the Board of Governors were Jim Chaney, Guy Greco, Ray Heysell, Theresa Kohlhoff, John Mansfield, Vanessa Nordyke, Ramón A. Pagán, Travis Prestwich, Per Ramfjord, Josh Ross, Kerry Sharp, Michael Levelle, Charles Wilhoite, Tim Williams and Elisabeth Zinser. Not present were Audrey Matsumonji and Kathleen Rastetter. Staff present were Sylvia Stevens, Susan Grabe and Camille Greene.

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Mr. Spier determined there was a quorum.

**2. Appellate Screening Committee Recommendation**

Mr. Ross outlined the committee process and asked the board to approve the committee's list of "highly qualified" Court of Appeals and/or Supreme Court candidates to recommend to Governor Kate Brown. **[Exhibit A]**

**Motion:** On committee motion, the board voted unanimously to send the list as recommended to Governor Kate Brown.



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Governor Kate Brown  
State Capitol Building  
900 Court St. NE, Suite 254  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Governor Brown:

The Oregon State Bar's Appellate Selection Committee has completed its process of reviewing the applications of candidates who have applied for appointment to the Oregon Court of Appeals and/or the Oregon Supreme Court and who agreed to disclose their application materials to the OSB. Pursuant to OSB Bylaws, the Committee has conducted an in-depth review of each application and candidate, including in-person interviews of all candidates who opted to participate in the process. (\*Judge Suzanne B. Chanti chose to not participate in the OSB's process.)

The Committee's review process is intended to provide you with relevant, reliable, and descriptive information to better inform your appointment decision. As instructed by OSB Bylaws, our recommendation of candidates as "highly qualified" is based on "the statutory requirements of the position, as well as information obtained in the review process, and the following criteria: integrity, legal knowledge and ability, professional experience, cultural competency, judicial temperament, diligence, health, financial responsibility, and public service." A "highly qualified" recommendation is intended to be objective, and the Committee's failure to recommend a candidate as "highly qualified" is not a finding that the person is unqualified. Candidates have applied for either one, or both, of the positions on the two courts. To the extent a candidate applied for both positions, a "highly qualified" recommendation is intended to reflect the candidate's ability to serve on either court.

The Board of Governors is pleased that members from around the state, including a public member, serve on the Appellate Selection Committee. Hon. Mary Deits, former Chief Judge of the Oregon Court of Appeals, also volunteered her time as a Committee member during this review process, for which the Board of Governors is especially grateful. We also deeply appreciate the assistance and leadership of your counsel and your office during this process.

Pursuant to OSB Bylaw 2.703, the Oregon State Bar Board of Governors has approved the following list of candidates deemed "highly qualified" for appointment to the Court of Appeals and/or Supreme Court:

Allen, Beth A.  
Aoyagi, Robyn E.  
Armstrong, Rex E.  
Bloom, Benjamin M.  
Bunch, William D.  
Crowther, Joshua B.  
DeHoog, Roger J.  
Duncan, Rebecca  
Ferry, David O.  
Hadlock, Erika L.  
Mooney, Josephine H.  
Nakamoto, Lynn R.  
Ortega, Darleen R.  
Rastetter, Kathleen J.  
Russo, Jolie A.  
Shorr, Scott  
Sykora, Alycia N.

The Board of Governors appreciates that there were many qualified candidates for the positions and that the review process presented a challenging task. According to OSB Bylaw 2.700, a press release will be issued with the list of the “highly qualified” candidates and the results will be posted on the OSB webpage. Also pursuant to OSB Bylaws, we will gladly respond to any requests from your office as to whether certain other candidates meet a “qualified” standard.

Sincerely,

Richard Spier  
OSB President

Joshua Ross  
OSB Board of Governors  
Appellate Selection Committee Chair

Cc: Ben Souede, General Counsel, Office of the Governor  
Misha Isaak, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the Governor