

Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting, April 24, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

Members of Committee Present:

Chairman Robert Brannon

Vice Chairman Brack Reed

Richard Riebeling

Steve Glover

Jacobia Dowell

Others Present:

Theresa Costonis (Legal)

Sonny Lyons (HR)

Actions taken by the Committee:

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its April 21, 2014 meeting, with an amendment to the provided draft to reflect the approval of the April 1, 2014 meeting's minutes at that meeting.

The Committee proceeded to interview the candidates for the position of Metropolitan Auditor, for the term beginning on July 1, 2014, who had been selected to be interviewed at the meeting on April 24, 2014, using the process approved at that meeting, i.e., using the list of interview questions prepared with the assistance of Metro H.R. with the addition of a question regarding the applicant's qualifications and ability to meet the position's obligations as described in Section 8.121 of the Metropolitan Government's Charter. Mr. Glover took the lead in asking the questions. Each interviewee was allotted about 20-25 minutes for their interviews, which had been previously scheduled by H.R., spaced out at half hour intervals. The candidates were interviewed in the following order: Julie Zwicknagel, Anthony Neumaier, Mark Swann, Colonel J. Cline, and Robert Boylls. Ms. Zwicknagel, Mr. Neumaier, and Mr. Swann were interviewed in person, Colonel Cline and Mr. Boylls were interviewed live via videoconference on a monitor placed in the room so that the interviewees and Committee members could see each other.

Following the interviews, the Committee deliberated on which three of the five interviewed they would vote to recommend to Council, and how to rank the three chosen, with the most highly recommended candidate ranked first.

Mr. Riebeling made a motion to recommend the following three candidates, ranked in the following order:

1. Mark Swann
2. Colonel J. Cline
3. Anthony Neumaier

Mr. Glover seconded that motion. After some discussion, an amendment was proposed and agreed to by Mr. Riebeling and Mr. Glover, as follows: that the Chair should prepare, with the assistance of legal counsel, a letter to the Metropolitan Council conveying the Committee's recommendations and explaining the process they had followed to reach those recommendations. The conveyance of this letter to Council by the Chair would be contingent upon H.R. obtaining the results of the background checks and reference checks of the applicants to be recommended, and providing that information to the Chair. If the Chair saw anything of concern that he deemed to be worth bringing to the Committee's attention, the letter would not be sent and the Committee would instead hold another meeting to discuss the new information. If the result of the checks did not concern the Chair, the letter was planned to be delivered to the Council prior to the May 6, 2014 meeting of the Metropolitan Council, in anticipation of it being included on the agenda for a vote of Council at the meeting on May 20, 2014.

The amendment to the motion passed unanimously, as did the main motion as amended.

The Meeting adjourned around 5:40 p.m.

Approved at the July 8, 2014 Metropolitan Nashville Audit Committee meeting.