SUBJECT: State Board of Education Board Leadership  
STAFF NAME & OFFICE: Jerry Colonna & George Russell

Election of State Board of Education Chair, Vice Chair, & 2nd Vice Chair. to serve July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

☐ New Rule  ☐ Amend Existing Rule  ☐ Repeal Rule

BACKGROUND

The State Board of Education Procedures & Policy Manual states in Policy Number 101 that each year, the board will elect their Chair, Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair. The Board is to create a committee of two to three Board members to nominate Board leadership. This year, Jerry Colonna and George Russel were the nominating committee. They make the following nominations:

Chair: Modesta Minthorn

Duties of the Chair:
- Sets agenda.
- Presides at meetings.
- Ensures fairness and impartiality.
- Enforces parliamentary procedure.
- Acts as the primary spokesperson to the press for the board.
- Performs other duties as may be required by law or action of the board.
- Names members for board subcommittees and liaisons, unless a majority of the board votes otherwise.
- Serves as an ex-officio member on board subcommittees.
- Calls special meetings not on board’s adopted calendar.

Vice-Chair: Kimberly Howard

Duties of the Vice Chair:
- Presides at meetings in the event of an absence of the Chair.
- Performs other duties as directed by the Chair or the vote of the board.

2nd Vice-Chair: Guadalup Martinez-Zapata

Duties of the Second Vice Chair:
- Presides at meetings in the event of an absence of the Chair and Vice Chair.
- Performs other duties as directed by the Chair or the vote of the board.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION
Previously, Anthony Veliz served as Vice-Chair and Kimberly Howard served as 2nd Vice-Chair.

HAS THE RULE CHANGED SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING?

- N/A; first read—hasn’t been before board
- No; same as last month
- Yes – As follows:

POLICY ISSUE OR CONCERNS

The State Board of Education has clear guidelines to select their Board leadership. The Board administrator is asked to create a nominating committee comprised of two to three Board members. However, the Board administrator removes themselves from nominating committee discussions. Once the nominating committee discusses Board leadership, they alert the Board administrator of their nominations after they speak to the nominees. Board administrator then presents the nominations and to the full Board as a first reading. The first reading alerts the public that the Board is considering these Board members for leadership positions and allows for public comments on these recommendations. The full Board will take action in June of 2018.

EQUITY IMPACT ANALYSIS

Since the Board’s Policy & Procedures manual describes a process of nominating Board leadership, outside educational stakeholders, school districts, or advisory groups are not included in the nomination committee deliberations. The opportunity to provide feedback on Board leadership is open during the first reading and second reading/action in May and June respectively.

The current Board of Education is focused on equity, diversity, and inclusion. The nominating committee took into account not only professional experience but also background coupled with experience on the board.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

This will not have fiscal impact on the Board, the Department of Education or school districts.

EFFECT OF A “YES” OR “NO” VOTE

A rejection of the nominating committee recommendations would trigger a Board conversation about who will be part of Board leadership. Accepting the recommendations of the nominating committee, would mean that the current nominees would serve as Chair, Vice-Chair and 2nd Vice-Chair for the State Board of Education.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
AGENDA ITEM: 3. B

- [x] Approve  - [ ] Approve next month  - [ ] No recommendation at this time

*Prompted by:*  - [ ] State law changes  - [ ] Federal law changes  - [ ] other

ATTACHMENTS

None