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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Executive & Audit Committee

FROM: Edward J. Ray, President *EJR*

SUBJECT: Recommendations for Potential Board Candidates

I am pleased to enclose the names of individuals I recommend as potential candidates for the vacant board position. Each of these talented individuals has demonstrated leadership in their field, has an impressive record of service, and is willing to serve on the Oregon State Board of Trustees.

For each of the individuals I am recommending, I have enclosed a brief biography. All of these candidates bring diverse perspective, experiences and skills to complement the Board as a whole.

If the Committee concurs with these recommendations, the Chair of the Board will submit the names for the Governor's consideration. We are hoping the Governor will make an appointment and submit a candidate to the legislature for confirmation in September 2017.

I look forward to the Committee's consideration of these candidates. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Charlene Addy McGee**

State Refugee Health Deputy  
Multnomah County  
Portland, Oregon



Charlene McGee was born in Liberia and migrated in 1993 to Portland, Oregon with her family to escape the civil war in her native land. In December 2015, she was appointed Deputy Refugee Health Coordinator for Multnomah County, responsible for leading Oregon's efforts to provide high quality healthcare and mental health services for newly arriving refugees in partnership with state and federal agencies.

In 2012, Ms. McGee relocated to Liberia and worked within the Office of the President of the Republic of Liberia, coordinating philanthropic support globally. While in Liberia, she also served as Executive Director of EQUIP Liberia, an organization offering programs in community health education, sexual and gender based violence prevention, and water sanitation and health. Prior to relocating to Liberia, she served as Community Initiatives Coordinator at Kaiser Permanente, Health Educator at Multnomah County, and admissions counselor at OSU.

Ms. McGee has served as board member and president of the African Women's Coalition, an organization that advocates for African women living in Oregon and Southwest Washington. She is past president of the Portland National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a former member of the City of Portland's Human Rights Commission. Ms. McGee is an active member of the Portland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., board chair for the North by Northeast Clinic, Vestry member for Grace Memorial Episcopal Church and a member of Portland Public School's Richmond Elementary Parent Teacher Association.

McGee earned her bachelor's degree in 2004 in Public Health from Oregon State University. She served on the OSU Alumni Association (OSUAA) Committee on Inclusion and Diversity and was recognized in 2017 with the OSUAA Young Alumni Award.

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## Julie Manning

Vice President of Marketing, Public Relations, and Development  
Samaritan Health Services  
Corvallis, Oregon



Since 1985, Julie Manning has served as the Vice President of Marketing, Public Relations, and Community Health Promotion for Samaritan Health Services, a regional health system based in Corvallis, Oregon. In addition to her responsibilities at Samaritan Health, she served as Mayor of the City of Corvallis from 2011 to 2014, receiving the Leadership Award of Merit from the Oregon Mayors' Association in 2014.

During her tenure as Mayor, Ms. Manning was appointed by former Gov. John Kitzhaber as co-convenor for establishing RAIN (Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network), which fosters technology-based companies and jobs in the Southern Willamette Valley. She served on the RAIN board of directors as well as on the boards of the League of Oregon Cities and the Cascades West Council of Governments. Prior to joining Samaritan Health, Ms. Manning served as a high school and college instructor in journalism and mass media, as a daily newspaper reporter, and as Assistant Press Secretary to former Oregon Gov. Vic Atiyeh.

Ms. Manning is co-chair of the Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties, an organization focused on making early learning resources and supports more available, accessible, and effective for children and families that have historically been over-represented in the opportunity gap and under-represented in achievement. She is also a board member for the Center for Nonprofit Stewardship and the Benton Community Foundation. She is past president of the Corvallis Area Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of Greater Corvallis, and the United Way of Benton County. She is past co-chair of the Benton County 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness and past board chair of E3: Employers for Education Excellence. She was named Corvallis' Junior First Citizen in 1997 and Corvallis' First Citizen in 2005.

Ms. Manning earned her bachelor's degree in Communications from Lewis & Clark College and a master's degree in Print Journalism at Boston University. She holds national accreditation in public relations (APR) and national certification as a fundraising executive (CFRE).

**Lorenzo Poe**

Retired

Vancouver, Washington

Lorenzo Poe retired last month as the Chief Equity and Diversity Officer and Director of Partnership Development for Portland Public Schools, having served in that position since 2010. Mr. Poe previously served as the Director of Multnomah County Department of Community and Family Services, Multnomah County Director of the Department of School and Community Partnerships, and as the Senior Policy Advisor to Chair of Multnomah County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Poe is a board member of LifeWorks Northwest, an organization that provides prevention, mental health, and addiction treatment services. He is a past board member of the Portland Schools Foundation, Black Parent Initiative, and Black United Fund. He is past co-chair of the Portland Public School Board of Education, the Urban League of Portland, and the African American Alliance. In 2013, Mr. Poe was awarded the Tom Ruhl Leadership for Equity Award by the Oregon Leadership Network and the Dream Keeper Award from the Black Parent Initiative.

Mr. Poe earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Oregon State University and a master's degree in Public Administration from City University.



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