December 14, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Executive & Audit Committee

FROM: Edward J. Ray, President

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 perspectives, 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. The Governor will decide who to appoint and forward the candidate’s name to the legislature for confirmation in February 2016.

I look forward to the Committee’s consideration of these candidates. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Julia Brim-Edwards
Senior Director, Global Strategies & Operations, Government & Public Affairs, Nike

Julia Brim-Edwards has held several positions at Nike since 2004 and is currently serving as the Senior Director for Global Strategies and Operations at Nike. Prior to Nike, she worked for six years as a consultant and managing partner at Edje Consulting. She also served as Communications Director for the Oregon Speaker of the House from 1995 to 1997 and as Press Secretary for the US Senate Finance Committee from 1986 to 1990.

Ms. Brim-Edwards is a board member of the Portland Business Alliance, Oregon Business Association, and Oregon Business Council. She is also a former board member of the Oregon Education Investment Board and Portland Public Schools. Ms. Brim-Edwards is co-founder and manager of the Nike School Innovation Fund, which is committed to supporting innovation in public schools in Portland, Beaverton, and Hillsboro.

She earned a bachelor's degree in 1984 at Oregon State University.
Sue Hennessy

Retired, Vice President, Strategic Planning and Plan Services, Kaiser Permanente Northwest

As a senior executive for Kaiser Permanente, Northwest Region, Hennessy was responsible for strategic planning, communications & public relations, government affairs/community benefit, performance improvement, capital and service delivery planning, as well as health plan service & administration (HPSA). Ms. Hennessy first joined Kaiser Permanente Northwest in January 2002 in the newly created position of vice president, Performance Enhancement. In that role, she was responsible for strategy development and business planning with a major focus on change leadership for improved business results. In 2004 she was appointed to the newly created role of Vice President, Health Plan Administration. From 2007 to July 2009 she expanded her role with added responsibility for Marketing and Sales. In 2010, Hennessy moved to her current role. Prior to joining KPNW, Hennessy served 23 years in a variety of health care administration positions at Group Health Cooperative in Seattle and at Kaiser/Group Health. Hennessy is a 2013 Winner of the Portland Business Journal “Women of Influence” award.

For many years, Hennessy has been active in not-for-profit organizations with an emphasis on social and health services for women and people of color. In addition to being a founding board member for the Center for Women and Democracy at the University of Washington, she served nine years on the board of the Asian Counseling and Referral Services in Seattle. Hennessy served on the board of Morrison Child and Family Services in Portland for six years and currently serves on the Board of the Portland Business Alliance. She has also been active with the Northwest Health Foundation.

Ms. Hennessy received a bachelor's in sociology/social work from Montana State University and a master's in social work from the University of Washington.
Elise McClure
Tax Attorney
Retired, Vice President of Tax and Customs for Starbucks

Elise McClure is a tax attorney and retired Vice President of Tax and Customs for Starbucks. Prior to joining Starbucks in 1992, she was employed by Coopers & Lybrand, LLP, as a tax manager in Seattle and New York offices.

In 2011, Ms. McClure joined the LifeWorks NW Board, an organization providing prevention, mental health, and addiction services to those in need. She currently serves as chair of the Board Finance Committee and Treasurer. She previously served on the OSU Alumni Association Board, OSU Foundation Board, and on a nonprofit community board representing foster children in Seattle. Ms. McClure is a past member of the OSU College of Business Dean's Circle of Excellence. She is also a Lunch for the Cure Committee member for the Susan G. Komen of Oregon and SW Washington.

Ms. McClure received a bachelor's degree in 1981 in Business Administration from Oregon State University and a law degree from Willamette University in 1984.
Charlene Addy McGee

Deputy Refugee Health Coordinator, Multnomah County

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 May 2015, she was appointed Deputy Refugee Health Coordinator for Multnomah County, helping to connect newly-arriving refugees with health care services. Prior to this position, Ms. McGee served as Community Initiatives Coordinator at Kaiser Permanente, Health Educator at Multnomah County, and admissions counselor at OSU.

Ms. McGee is a board member of the African Women’s Coalition, an organization that advocates for African women living in Oregon and Southwest Washington. She is also past president of the Portland National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, an active member of the Portland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, and a member of the Urban League of Portland Young Professionals.