



March 29, 2021

To: Executive Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Public Member Candidate Selection

Overview

The Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved a process for the recruitment and selection for the currently vacant Public Member seat. Consistent with that process and delegated responsibility, the Executive Committee met on March 1, 2021 and approved a short list of candidates for interview. On March 15, 2021, at a Special Executive Committee meeting, the three short-listed candidates, Meredith Chillemi, Tam Nguyen, and Roy Shahbazian, were interviewed.

Recommendation

Recommend one candidate to advance to the Board of Directors for approval.

Background

The membership of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) includes two public member positions that must be filled by the Members of the Board that represent cities and the County of Orange. The term of office for an OCTA Public Member is four years. The qualifications for a Public Member are as follows:

- Resident of Orange County, and
- Not serving currently, or within the last four years, as an elected official of a city, county, any agency, or special district within Orange County.

Consistent with the February 8, 2021 Board-approved process and communications plan, staff initiated a recruitment to solicit qualified applicants following the communications plan and timeline. The recruitment period closed on February 26, 2021 with 34 complete applications received. The Executive Committee met on March 1, 2021 and selected three candidates to advance to

the interview phase. On March 15, 2021, a Special Executive Committee meeting was held for the purpose of conducting interviews.

Discussion

Consistent with the delegated responsibility, the Executive Committee prepared a standardized interview process and questions to further evaluate the short-listed candidates. Interviews were conducted on March 15, 2021 at a Special Executive Committee meeting. This item is before the Executive Committee to recommend a final candidate for consideration and approval by the Board.

Summary

The Executive Committee interviewed the established short list of candidates for the currently vacant Public Member seat on the Board of Directors and can recommend a final candidate for consideration by the Board of Directors.

Attachment

- A. Applications and Supplemental Information Received for Short-List Candidates

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