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The Honorable Tim Pawlenty  
Governor, State of Minnesota  
Room 130, State Capitol  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Pawlenty,

As chair of the Trustee Candidate Advisory Council (TCAC), I am pleased to inform you that the TCAC has completed its work recruiting, interviewing, and recommending candidates for your consideration for appointment to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees.

Through a variety of methods, the council distributed information announcing its desire to seek candidates for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees. Those efforts generated 19 applications for three positions coming to term, which include one in the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, one in the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and one at-large position.

After carefully reviewing all of the applications, the Council interviewed 12 finalists. In the case of each of these candidates, the Council reviewed candidate essays and references, and conducted an interview lasting approximately 45 minutes featuring an extensive question and answer period. Following interviews, the council voted to recommend six candidates for your consideration.

The finalists recommended by the TCAC are (in alphabetical order):

First Congressional District\*: Duane Benson

Eighth Congressional District: Thomas Renier and Jo Ann Roche

At Large Position: William Betten, Jesse Bethke Gomez, and Janet Mohr

*\* Due to a limited pool of qualified candidates for the First Congressional District position, the Council is recommending one candidate.*

For your reference, the applications of the candidates being recommended are enclosed. Additionally, the actual interviews were recorded and are available at: <http://www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/tcac/tcacinterviews10.html>.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §136F.03, the TCAC's Selection Criteria is also enclosed. The criteria listed were used by the TCAC for the selection of candidates, and are divided into two categories, Personal and Professional/Experiential.

It has been the Council's privilege to serve you, the Legislature, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, and the people of Minnesota. If you wish, I would be happy to meet with you and your staff to discuss the selection process and/or the candidates the TCAC has recommended. Please let me know if we can provide any additional assistance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Trustee Candidate Advisory Council,

Kent Eklund, Chair  
Trustee Candidate Advisory Council

Enclosures

cc: Chancellor James McCormick  
Bob Schroeder, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor  
John Hultquist, Office of the Governor  
David Metzen, Director, Office of Higher Education  
Senator Lawrence Pogemiller  
Senator David Senjem  
Senator Sandy Pappas  
Representative Margaret Anderson Kelliher  
Representative Kurt Zellers  
Representative Tom Rukavina  
David Olson, Chair, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees  
Inge Chapin, Secretary, Minnesota State Colleges and University Board of Trustees

**Exhibit 5****BOARD OF TRUSTEES CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL****CRITERIA FOR MEMBERS OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MINNESOTA  
STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**1. Personal

1. Integrity with a code of personal honor and ethics above reproach.
2. Wisdom and breadth of vision.
3. Independence.
4. An inquiring mind and an ability to speak it articulately and succinctly.
5. Ability to challenge, support, and motivate administration.
6. An orientation to the future with an appreciation of the distinct missions of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities institutions.
7. The capability and willingness to function as a member of a diverse group in an atmosphere of collegiality and selflessness.
8. An appreciation of the public nature of the position and the institution including the open process of election and service.
9. An ability, based on candidates' own persona, to satisfy needs of the board based on diversity in geography, gender, race and occupation.

2. Professional/experiential

1. Valid knowledge and experience that bear on the Board of Trustees' problems, opportunities, and deliberations.
2. A record of accomplishment in one's own life.
3. An understanding of the board's role of governance and a proven record of contribution with the governing body of one or more appropriate organizations.
4. A general understanding of the system of higher education in Minnesota and the role of the state colleges and universities in that system.