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То:	School Board
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Subject:	Bond Accountability Committee Appointees

BACKGROUND

The 2012 General Obligation Bond ballot measure and explanatory statement language was referred to the Multhomah Elections Division on August 21, 2012. The measure's summary statement identified the requirement for PPS to provide citizen accountability and oversight. With the passage of the 2012 Capital Construction Bond, staff developed a Bond Accountability Committee (BAC) charter with Board input to address this requirement.

The current BAC has 9 members, with 3 leaving the committee by the end of 2020. The remaining 6 BAC members collectively have strong professional experience and expertise in construction management, design and engineering experience, auditing, project and program management, public and private capital planning and finances, among many other skills and backgrounds. With the departure of several BAC members, coupled with passage of the 2020 bond, staff sees an opportunity to maintain the strong capital management expertise on the committee while also increasing the breadth of experience on the BAC and the committee's demographic diversity.

In addition to the core competencies noted in the BAC Charter, staff recommends prioritizing potential candidates with experience in one or more of the 2020 bond scopes of work that are new to the capital program, and applicants with professional experience in supporting business equity in capital projects. Additionally staff recommends prioritizing applicants that will increase the diversity of the committee.

Earlier this year staff and board members co-created a BAC application form. The form was posted to the BAC website October 20, 2020. Staff and board members reached out to potential applicants and directed interested parties to the application form. Fourteen individuals submitted applications for consideration. Based upon the provided applicant information and pursuant to the discussion at the December 10, 2020 School Improvement Bond Committee, staff recommends that the Board of Education consider the following appointees for membership to the Bond Accountability Committee:

Kenechi Onyeagusi Cara Snow Angela Jarvis Holland Darren Golden

ANALYSIS OF SITUATION

The Bond Accountability Charter allows for 10 members. Appointing 4 members will total 10 members. Members are appointed to staggered 2-, 3-, and 4-year terms, and may reapply for consideration to serve additional terms but may not serve more than 8 years total. The recommended terms are staggered to ensure a blend of term lengths.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board members, current BAC members and PPS staff reached out to the community and spoke to several potential replacements. Specific efforts were made to reach out to underrepresented communities and to potential applicants with experience in one or more of the 2020 bond scopes. All applicant data, including demographic information and professional experience, was provided for review to the School Improvement Bond Committee members, but applicant names were removed to ensure the selection process was focused on increasing demographic diversity and breadth of experience on the Bond Accountability Committee.

TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION / EVALUATION

Upon approval from the Board of Education, the Office of School Modernization will inform the applicants of their appointment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the appointment of Kenechi Onyeagusi, Cara Snow, Angela Jarvis Holland, and Darren Golden to the committee for the following term durations:

Kenechi Onyeagusi	4 years (term ends 12/2024)
Cara Snow	4 years (term ends 12/2024)
Angela Jarvis Holland	3 years (term ends 12/2023)
Darren Golden	3 years (term ends 12/2023)

As a member of the PPS Executive Leadership Team, I have reviewed this staff report.

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