

Legislative District 30 Citizens Panel

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 31, 2021
8:15 AM

Board Members

Daniel Valenzuela, Chairman
Bill Brotherton
Richard Crews
Crystal Carrillo
Jessica Bueno
Jose Guadalupe Conchas
Stan Chavira

Meeting Location

Alhambra Governing Board Meeting Room
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Phoenix, AZ 85019

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Attending in person:

Daniel Valenzuela, Chairman
Richard Crews
Bill Brotherton
Jose Guadalupe Conchas
Crystal Carrillo
Jessica Bueno

Panel members attending remote:

Stan Chavira

Also present:

Andrea Cummings, Legal Counsel
Debra Schaffer, Deputy Clerk of the Board

1. Applicant Interviews for Legislative District 30 State Senate Vacancy:

- Flavio Bravo (interviewed in person at 9:00 a.m.)
- Al DePascal, III (interviewed in person at 10:30 a.m.)
- Harry Garewal (interviewed in person at 2:00 p.m.)
- Jonathan Larkin (interviewed in person at 9:45 a.m.)
- Ray Martinez (interviewed in person at 11:00 a.m.)
- Nathan Schick (interviewed remotely at 12:30 p.m.)
- Jonathan Solorzano (interviewed in person at 1:15 p.m.)
- Raquel Teran (interviewed in person at 8:15 a.m.)

Each was asked the following questions:

- Thank you for your interest in serving as the LD30 State Senator. We have received your letter of interest and resume. There has been verification that you are a registered Democrat and that you live within Legislative District 30 boundaries. Additionally, a background check is being conducted. All applicants are being asked the following question: "Is there anything that we should know about you that might have shown up on these checks, or anything else you would like to disclose or explain?" (Introduction was read by Chairman Daniel Valenzuela)
 - As follow-up questions from Bill Brotherton, each was also asked of their vaccination status and specifics about items that may have shown up in their background checks.
- Tell us what you envision for LD-30 to support good jobs and Education? (Question was read by Stan Chavira)
- Did you ever have to work cooperatively with an individual that you disliked and if so, how did you or didn't you make that relationship work? (Question was read by Bill Brotherton)
- Describe a time where you experienced or encountered injustice. What actions did you take to stand up for yourself or that person/group of people? (Question was read by Crystal Carrillo)
- What specific involvement have you had with your local voting precinct and the Democratic Party of Legislative District 30 in the past 2 years? Please give specific examples. (Question was read by Lupe Conchas)
- How have your thoughts, ideologies and practices changed or evolved since you initially began public service? How do you navigate power differently now than when you first began? (Question was read by Richard Crews)
- Due to the nature of this situation, how do you plan to rebuild faith and trust in elected officials in LD 30? (Question was read by Jessica Bueno)
- Integrity and fostering and maintaining public trust are paramount in serving as an elected official. Please tell us what integrity means to you and tell us how you plan to foster and maintain public trust of your constituents as the LD 30 State Senator? (Question was read by Chairman Daniel Valenzuela)

Follow up questions were asked during interviews as well.

After interviewing Raquel Teran and Flavio Bravo, the Panel recessed into Executive session to discuss the interviews.

Motion to recess into Executive session by Bill Brotherton, seconded by Richard Crews.

Ayes: Daniel Valenzuela, Bill Brotherton, Richard Crews, Crystal Carrillo, Jessica Bueno, Jose Guadalupe Conchas, Stan Chavira

Jonathan Larkin interviewed next. Following Mr. Larkin's interview, the Panel once again recessed into Executive session.

Motion to recess into Executive session by Richard Crews, seconded by Crystal Carrillo.

Ayes: Daniel Valenzuela, Bill Brotherton, Richard Crews, Crystal Carrillo, Jessica Bueno,

Jose Guadalupe Conchas, Stan Chavira

Al DePascal, III, interviewed, followed by Ray Martinez. The Panel then took a lunch recess.

Nathan Schick interviewed followed by Jonathan Solorzano. The Panel then recessed into Executive Session.

Motion to approve by Jose Guadalupe (Lupe) Conchas, seconded by Jessica Bueno.

Ayes: Daniel Valenzuela, Bill Brotherton, Richard Crews, Crystal Carrillo, Jessica Bueno, Jose Guadalupe Conchas, Stan Chavira

Harry Garewal, Jr, was the last interview of the day.

2. Possible Executive Session

Legal Advice, ARS 38-431.03(A)(3)

Personnel Matters, ARS 38-431.03(A)(1)

Discussion of Legislative District 30 State Senate Applicants

Motion to approve by Richard Crews, seconded by Crystal Carrillo.

Ayes: Daniel Valenzuela, Bill Brotherton, Richard Crews, Crystal Carrillo, Jessica Bueno, Jose Guadalupe Conchas, Stan Chavira

3. Possible Recommendation of candidates to the Board of Supervisors from the Legislative District 30 Citizens Panel to fill the LD30 State Senate vacancy

The Motion was made by Crystal Carrillo to put forth three names for the Senate appointment. Those three names are:

- Raquel Teran
- Flavio Bravo
- Harry Garewal, Jr.

Seconded by Jessica Bueno.

Ayes: Daniel Valenzuela, Bill Brotherton, Richard Crews, Crystal Carrillo, Jessica Bueno, Jose Guadalupe Conchas, Stan Chavira

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Debra Schaffer, Deputy Clerk of the Board