

**MINUTES
of the
FIRST MEETING
of the
INSURANCE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
May 14, 2013
Room 321, State Capitol
Santa Fe, New Mexico**

The first meeting of the Insurance Nominating Committee was called to order by Norman Becker, member, on May 14, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 321 of the State Capitol.

Present

Norman Becker
Rep. Zachary J. Cook
Bill Kinyon
Jason Marks
Gabriel Parra
Maureen Sanders
Babette Saenz
Scott Yurcic

Absent

Staff

Mark Reynolds, Director, Civil Division, Attorney General's Office
John Yaeger, Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Legislative Council Service

Tuesday, May 14

The committee members introduced themselves.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Sanders and approved without objection, the committee named Mr. Becker as temporary chair for the purpose of presiding at this meeting.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Marks and approved without objection, the agenda was approved with the addition of a period of time for public comment.

Mr. Becker summarized the initial duty of the committee under the law to select a chair who is a former superintendent of insurance or a person with extensive knowledge of insurance regulation in New Mexico, but who does not have a financial interest in an insurer or insurance agency.

Public Comment

Dick Mason, representing the League of Women Voters of New Mexico and Health Action New Mexico, urged the committee to appoint a superintendent of insurance who has demonstrated knowledge of all facets of the insurance industry in New Mexico, the federal

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange Act and who is committed to working with all stakeholders and protecting consumers.

H. Diane Snyder, executive director of the Greater Albuquerque Medical Association, noted that the association supported the decision to create an independent Office of Superintendent of Insurance and thanked the members of the committee for their service.

Selection of a Chair

Mr. Kinyon nominated Chris Krahlung, a former New Mexico superintendent of insurance, as chair. Following discussion about whether a chair should be selected at this meeting or a subsequent meeting, the consensus was to proceed. In response to a question, Mr. Krahlung stated that he is aware of the statutory requirements of the chair and that he meets those requirements. He stated that if he is appointed chair he would, in an abundance of caution, resign May 15, 2013 from the board of the nonprofit New Mexico Health Connections. Mr. Krahlung stated that if he is appointed chair, he would ensure that the committee's work is open, honest and credible.

Without objection, the motion to appoint Mr. Krahlung chair was approved. Mr. Krahlung stated that Mr. Becker should continue to chair the meeting until Mr. Krahlung officially resigns from the board of New Mexico Health Connections.

Solicitation of Applicants

Upon a motion made by Mr. Marks and approved without objection, the chair was authorized to place an advertisement seeking applicants and oversee the initial development of additional methods to solicit and accept applications, including a web site and email account, with a deadline of May 31, 2013 for applications to be received.

Open Meetings Act and Inspection of Public Records Act

Mr. Reynolds advised the committee regarding certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act and the Inspection of Public Records Act. In response to a question, Mr. Reynolds said he would research the question of whether and to what extent the committee could interview and discuss the qualifications of applicants in closed sessions.

Next Meeting

The committee agreed to hold its next meeting on Tuesday, May 21, in Albuquerque at a specific location to be determined.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 10:55 a.m.