



TO: Regents Governance Committee
FROM: Regent Lesley Smith
DATE: March 21, 2024
RE: Proposed Amendment to Regent Law: Letter of Intent for Chair and Vice Chair

This item proposes amending Regent Law 2.A.5.B to: (1) ask that those interested in serving as chair or vice chair submit a letter of intent; (2) affirm the board's commitment to the Colorado Open Meetings Law concerning selection of chair or vice chair; and (3) require voting by secret ballot, except when only one regent is nominated.

This proposal would strongly encourage those interested in serving as chair or vice chair to submit a short letter of interest to the Office of the Board of Regents two weeks before voting. This would allow regents to better understand all candidates' rationales for seeking to serve as chair or vice chair.

This proposal would affirm the board's commitment to the Colorado Open Meetings Law concerning selection of chair or vice chair. The purpose of this proposal is to improve transparency in the election of board officers and to ensure a smooth transition process for board officer elections.

Currently, the method of voting for chair and vice chair is not prescribed by Regent Law or Policy. Custom and practice have been that the board votes for chair and vice chair by secret ballot, and that if only one regent was nominated, the board typically voted by acclamation. This proposal would codify the custom and practice.

Under Regent Policy 2.N, these proposed changes to Regent Law will be discussed by the Governance Committee on March 21, 2024; will be noticed publicly to the full board on April 11-12, 2024; and will be further discussed by the Governance Committee at its May 23, 2024, meeting. Accordingly, the proposed changes to Regent Policy could be considered at the June 20-21, 2024, Board of Regents meeting. As a change to the Laws of the Regents, this proposal would require a two-thirds vote.