

2.0 BOARD OF TRUSTEE VACANCY

2.1 Approval of the Election Rules for Trustee Appointment

It was moved by Ms. Mendoza Yanez and seconded by Mr. Mejia to approve the election rules for a trustee appointment. Mr. Labrado expressed concern that election rule #3 referred to the trustees using a paper ballot to vote instead of an audible vote. Ms. Alvarez indicated she had the same concern until she read election rule #4 which stated that the ballots will be collected by the Board Secretary and read publicly, including the trustee's name and the candidate for whom he/she voted. Mr. Labrado indicated in the past, the vote was conducted for all the candidates and then the one with the least amount of votes was removed; then the board voted for the two finalists. Otherwise, Mr. Labrado explained that a candidate may not receive the four votes needed to be appointed as a trustee.

After listening to Mr. Labrado's concerns, Ms. Mendoza Yanez and Mr. Mejia accepted an amendment to the motion to replace the paper ballot with an audible vote for each candidate.

Ms. Barrios explained that since she publicly voted against the process of appointing a trustee to fill the vacancy, she planned to abstain from voting during Item 2.3 Trustee Voting. Dr. Rodríguez reminded board members that a candidate needs four votes to be appointed as trustee for Area 1.

Ms. Alvarez asked if board members vote after each person is interviewed or at the end of all the interviews. Dr. Rodríguez indicated that vote should take place after all candidates have been interviewed.

Mr. Hanna asked if the three candidates have been certified as eligible for this election. Dr. Rodríguez indicated this was correct.

The motion to approve the election rules for a trustee appointment, which was amended to replace the paper ballot with an audible vote for each candidate, carried with the following vote: Aye –Ms. Alvarez, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Labrado, and Ms. Mendoza Yanez; and a nay vote from Ms. Barrios. Student Trustee Mejia's advisory vote was aye.

2.2 Board of Trustees Candidates Interview for Area 1

The board interviewed each candidate for the Area 1 trustee vacancy in the order applications were received: Ms. Guadalupe (Tish) L. Leon, Mr. Zeke F. Hernandez, and Mr. Frank G. Alaniz, Jr.