



## **MEETING MINUTES**

Clackamas, Hood River and Multnomah County  
Boards of County Commissioners  
Joint Meeting for House District 52 Appointment  
**Wednesday, November 29, 2017 – 4:00 PM**  
**Sandy High School**  
**37400 Bell Street**  
**Sandy, OR 97055**

Clackamas County Commissioner Paul Savas called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. He stated he had been designated by the Secretary of State to Chair this meeting. He asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Savas stated we have several Commissioners that are joining the meeting via telephone and ask them to announce themselves. He then introduced Board Clerk Kevin Moss and Clackamas County Legal Counsel Chris Storey. He asked Clerk Moss for a roll call of Commissioners in attendance.

### **Roll Call**

#### **Hood River County Commissioners:**

Chair Ron Rivers via telephone  
Commissioner Bob Benton via telephone  
Commissioner Karen Joplin via telephone  
Commissioner Rich McBride via telephone

#### **Multnomah County Commissioners:**

Chair Deborah Kafoury via telephone  
Commissioner Sharon Meieran (MY-wren)  
Commissioner Loretta Smith  
Commissioner Lori Stegmann (STEG-man)  
Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson via telephone

#### **Clackamas County Commissioners:**

Chair Bernard  
Commissioner Fischer via phone  
Commissioner Humberston  
Commissioner Savas  
Commissioner Schrader

Chair Savas opened the discussion regarding an Oregonian article written about undue influence being sought in the appointment process for House District 52. Commissioners took turns discussing their opinions about the article.

Chair Savas read the criteria from the Secretary of State's office regarding how he was named chair for this meeting.

Chair Savas introduced the 3 candidates:

1. Erick Haynie
2. Jeff Helfrich
3. Stan Pulliam

Chair Savas outlined the procedures for the meeting:

- First is public comment. Anyone wishing to comment must have signed up prior to the start of the meeting. Each person will have 1 minute for comment.
- Following public comment there will be a 2 minute opening statement from each nominee. After which, each nominee except Mr. Haynie was escorted from the room for the question & answer period. The commissioners will then ask questions of the nominees.
- Each nominee will have 2 minutes for closing statements.
- At that point we may take a break before deliberation and voting.

### **Citizen Comment**

Chair Savas was provided with a list of speakers and called then up to the microphone in order.

1. Brad Lorang, Cascade Locks – Supports Jeff Helfrich
2. Dustin Schroeder, Sandy – Supports Stan Pulliam
3. Tom Yates, Hood River – Supports Jeff Helfrich
4. Rick Applegate, Rhododendron – Spoke about the rural community and the need for legislators to work with experience and have the ability to legislate moderately
5. Grant Baker, Sandy – Supports Stan Pulliam
6. Fran Mazzara, Welches – Wanted the nominees to answer questions regarding support or opposition of gambling in the Gorge and the nestle bottle plan

Chair Savas restated the procedure for the opening statements and asked Mr. Haynie to start.

### **Alphabetical for Nominee Presentations**

Each nominee was presented in Alphabetical order:

1. Erick Haynie
2. Jeff Helfrich
3. Stan Pulliam

## **Presentation from Each Nominee**

Presentation of First Nominee – Erick Haynie  
2-minute opening statement

Presentation of Second Nominee – Jeff Helfrich  
2-minute opening statement

Presentation of Third Nominee – Stan Pulliam  
2-minute opening statement

The candidates except for Mr. Haynie were escorted from the room for the question and answer period.

There was Board Discussion on how many questions to ask each of the three nominees. The Commissioners gave consent to ask 6 questions. 3 from Clackamas, 2 from Multnomah and 1 from Hood River. Chair Savas announced he and Commissioner Meieran from Multnomah would alternate asking the questions.

Chair Savas asked Mr. Haynie to come up to the table for the Question and Answer Period and explained again the process that the Commissioners just agreed upon. He stated that the time would start after the Commissioner finished asking the question and that Clerk Moss would show the yellow card when there is 30 seconds left.

First Nominee – Erick Haynie  
12 Minute Question and Answer

Second Nominee – Jeff Helfrich  
12 Minute Question and Answer

Third Nominee – Stan Pulliam  
12 Minute Question and Answer

Chair Savas asked each candidate to come up to the table one at a time and give a 2-minute closing statement starting with Mr. Haynie.

First Nominee – Erick Haynie  
2-Minute Closing Statement

Second Nominee – Jeff Helfrich  
2-Minute Closing Statement

Third Nominee – Stan Pulliam  
2-Minute Closing Statement

## **Deliberation and Appointment to Fill Vacancy in Oregon House District 38**

Chair Savas restated the process for the allocated votes per the guidance from the Secretary of State's office and stated that the plurality number was 14.06 votes.

The Commissioners declined breaking for a recess and moved into deliberation

Chair Savas opened the floor for deliberation among the Commissioners and their choice of a preferred candidate.

Commissioner Meieran – said she would support Jeff Helfrich

Commissioner Benton – said he would support Jeff Helfrich

Commissioner Fischer – passed and wanted to hear all the other Commissioners comments before giving her choice of a preferred candidate

Commissioner Stegmann raised a point of order about Commissioner Fischer passing instead of giving her remarks and preferred choice of candidate.

Chair Savas recognized County Counsel Chris Storey for clarification. He said that since they were in deliberation Commissioners could give general comments without revealing their preferred candidate choice.

Commissioner Stegmann – gave praise to all candidates and said she would vote for her choice during the roll call vote.

Commissioner Joplin – said she would support Jeff Helfrich

Commissioner Humberston – said he would support Jeff Helfrich

Commissioner Vega Pederson – said she would support Stan Pulliam

Commissioner McBride – said he would support Jeff Helfrich

Commissioner Schrader – said she would support Jeff Helfrich

Commissioner Smith – said she would support Jeff Helfrich

Chair Kafoury – said she would support Jeff Helfrich

Chair Rivers – said he would support Jeff Helfrich

Chair Bernard – said he would support Jeff Helfrich

Chair Savas – said he would lean to support Stan Pulliam

Chair Savas recognized that there seemed to be a plurality that was existing for candidate Jeff Helfrich from the deliberations. Chair Savas recognized Commissioner Fischer for a second chance to give her thoughts on the candidates. She said she would support Mr. Helfrich. Chair Savas recognized Commissioner Vega Pederson who ask if they could do a unanimous ballot similar to what was done for House District 38. Chair Savas said that motion would be in order.

**Commissioner Vega Pederson moved to appoint Jeff Helfrich as the State Representative for House District 52 by unanimous consent. Chair Rivers seconded the motion**

Chair Savas recognized Counsel Storey for a clarification on the unanimous consent vote. Chair Savas asked the Clerk to do a Roll Call vote in Alphabetical order of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Sharon Meieran – Aye  
Commissioner Benton – Aye  
Commissioner Fischer – Aye  
Commissioner Stegmann - No  
Commissioner Joplin - Aye  
Commissioner Humberston – Aye  
Commissioner Vega Pederson – Aye  
Commissioner McBride – Aye  
Commissioner Schrader – Aye  
Commissioner Loretta Smith – Aye  
Chair Kafoury – Aye  
Chair Rivers – Aye  
Chair Bernard – Aye  
Chair Savas - No

The motion failed 12-2. County Counsel Chris Storey clarified that we would proceed to a roll call vote of the choice of nominee for each Commissioner.

Chair Savas asked Clerk Moss to do a roll call vote.

Commissioner Sharon Meieran – Jeff Helfrich  
Commissioner Benton – Jeff Helfrich  
Commissioner Fischer – Jeff Helfrich  
Commissioner Stegmann – Jeff Helfrich  
Commissioner Joplin – Jeff Helfrich  
Commissioner Humberston – Jeff Helfrich  
Commissioner Vega Pederson – Jeff Helfrich  
Commissioner McBride – Jeff Helfrich  
Commissioner Schrader – Jeff Helfrich  
Commissioner Loretta Smith – Jeff Helfrich  
Chair Kafoury – Jeff Helfrich  
Chair Rivers – Jeff Helfrich  
Chair Bernard – Jeff Helfrich  
Chair Savas – Jeff Helfrich

Chair Savas and Commissioners congratulated Mr. Helfrich on his appointment to be the next State Representative for House District 52. He asked that each Commissioner sign the Secretary of State form regarding the House District Appointment before they leave.

**Meeting Adjourned – 6:09 pm**