

Roll Call

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall. The purpose of this meeting was to review and winnow applications for the at-large city position on the Foundation for Excellence Board of Directors.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell
Vice Mayor Erin Knott
David Anderson
Don Cooney
Eric Cunningham
Jack Urban

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Shannon Sykes

Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Sykes. With a voice vote the motion passed.

Action Items

Discussion Topics/Action Items were considered next.

Review and
Winnowing of
Applicants for the At-
Large Position on the
FFE Board

Mayor Hopewell explained the selection process to fill the at-large position on the Foundation for Excellence (FFE) Board of Directors. Mayor Hopewell suggested the City Commission approach this appointment as an opportunity to fill diversity or skill gaps on the FFE Board.

Commissioner Urban requested that Commissioners discuss their approaches to selecting applicants prior to voting.

In response to a question from Commissioner Urban, Mayor Hopewell stated he wanted to have Commissioners make their initial selection of applicants before discussing what to do on subsequent ballots.

Commissioner Cooney stated he was impressed with the number of applicants and their qualifications.

Commissioner Anderson noted the Commission did not have absolute clarity on the full scope of activities for the FFE Board, and he questioned whether the Board would be engaged in fundraising.

Mayor Hopewell described the main activities of the FFE Board and indicated those activities could include fundraising.

Commissioner Cunningham stated all the applications were good, but he placed value on applicants who had the following qualifications: people with financial backgrounds; people who were retired or who otherwise had free time to do the work; people who were new to City involvement; and people who were born and raised in Kalamazoo.

Vice Mayor Knott stated her two criteria for applicants were either fund development experience or LGBT representation.

Commissioner Urban expressed hope that the FFE Board would make the City prove its proposals met the FFE funding criteria.

City Clerk Borling distributed the first ballot and tallied the results after Commissioners had cast their votes. The results of the first ballot were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Hopewell</u>	<u>Knott</u>	<u>Anderson</u>	<u>Cooney</u>	<u>Cunningham</u>	<u>Urban</u>
Dannison, Nathan	4	1	1		1		1
Houston, James	4		1	1	1		1
DeNooyer, J. Craig	3	1		1			1
Ellis, Sidney	3		1	1		1	
Hein, Dale	3			1	1		1
Perry, Jim	3	1	1	1			
Purnell, Kathy	3	1		1	1		
Breneman, Jeffrey	2	1					1
Bremer, Neil	1						1
Brown, Tauhric	1	1					
Buckman, Joe	1					1	
Campbell, Amy	1		1				
Cummings, Kailynn	1					1	
DeLuca, Richard	1					1	
Hilgart, Joshua	1					1	
Moore, Stephanie	1				1		
Oberlin, Derl	1		1				
Pomeroy, Jennifer	1					1	
Wissner, Derek	1				1		

Having received four votes each, Nathan Dannison and James Houston were selected to be interviewed on January 16th.

Mayor Hopewell suggested that on the next ballot Commissioners cast votes for a maximum of four applicants, as that was the number of interview slots remaining.

City Clerk Borling distributed the second ballot and tallied the results after Commissioners had cast their votes. The results of the second ballot were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Hopewell</u>	<u>Knott</u>	<u>Anderson</u>	<u>Cooney</u>	<u>Cunningham</u>	<u>Urban</u>
Dannison, Nathan	4	1	1		1		1
Houston, James	4		1	1	1		1
DeNooyer, J. Craig	4	1		1		1	1
Ellis, Sidney	4		1		1	1	1
Hein, Dale	4		1	1	1		1
Perry, Jim	3	1	1	1			
Purnell, Kathy	3			1	1	1	
Breneman, Jeffrey	2	1					1
Brown, Tauhric	1	1					

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Having received four votes each, Craig DeNooyer, Sidney Ellis, and Dale Hein were selected to be interviewed on January 16th.

Discussion took place regarding the selection of a sixth applicant.

By consensus the City Commission decided to cast another ballot, on which each Commissioner would make one selection.

City Clerk Borling distributed the third ballot and tallied the results after Commissioners had cast their votes. The results of the third ballot were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Hopewell</u>	<u>Knott</u>	<u>Anderson</u>	<u>Cooney</u>	<u>Cunningham</u>	<u>Urban</u>
Dannison, Nathan	4	1	1		1		1
Houston, James	4		1	1	1		1
DeNooyer, J. Craig	4	1		1		1	1
Ellis, Sidney	4		1		1	1	1
Hein, Dale	4		1	1	1		1
Perry, Jim	4	1	1	1			1
Purnell, Kathy	2				1	1	

Having received four votes, Jim Perry was selected to be interviewed on January 16th.

Based on the combined results of all three ballots, the following applicants were invited to be interviewed by the City Commission on January 16th for the at-large position on the FFE Board:

Nathan Dannison
Craig DeNooyer
Sydney Ellis
Dale Hein
James Houston
Jim Perry

Citizen Comments

An opportunity was given for general citizen comments, but no comments were offered.

City Commissioner
Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments and concerns of City Commissioners, but no comments were offered.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on February 5, 2018

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: February 5, 2018