

**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH
AND RECOVERY SERVICES**

**JANUARY 12, 2023
SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Present: Teresa Slater, Steven Oluic, Michael Petruziello, Kathy Johnson, Linda Miller, Alberta Chokshi, Anastasia Nicholas

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Oluic called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM. The Pledge was then recited.

II. Discussion of Executive Director Applicants

Dr. Oluic provided the following summary: The deadline for applications was December 21, 2022. Twenty candidates submitted applications which were then sent to the Selection committee members. Several were not serious applications – no documents were attached or they did not meet the basic qualifications. The committee will now decide the top number of candidates to bring in for phone interviews. Dr. Oluic would like to move into Executive Session so the committee can discuss the individual applicants. The committee can then report on what the next step will be once they come out of Executive Session. Ms. Chokshi commented that the names of the individuals are now public knowledge and feels the committee needs to be above board and have the discussion in Regular Session. Ms. Johnson would prefer to discuss the individuals in Executive Session. Mr. Petruziello would like to talk about the caliber of the applicants in private. The committee could then say who will be proceeding to the next step if they so choose. Ms. Slater said each applicant's address, email and phone number were redacted. She would not be comfortable with someone discussing her qualifications in an open meeting.

Mr. Petruziello moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment of a public employee or official. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. Voice Vote: Ayes-4; Nays-1; Abstentions-0. Motion approved. The committee went into Executive Session at 1:10 PM and was back in Regular Session at 2:04 PM.

Dr. Oluic said there was lively discussion about the pros and cons of the top five candidates. Three individuals were selected for the initial phone interview, and then the committee will decide who meets the criteria for a face to face interview. The committee would then meet to discuss which candidate/candidates to present to the Board at its February meeting. Dr. Oluic said he may call a Special meeting for that purpose. The phone interviews will be conducted on January 24th. At some point in time, all of the candidates will be contacted. Ms. Nicholas asked when the Board expects to have someone new in place. Dr. Oluic responded if the process works as it should, the committee will offer a candidate to the Board for consideration in February, and then contact the candidate chosen. The earliest will probably be April. Ms. Nicholas asked if the committee is willing to disclose who the three phone interview candidates are. Dr. Oluic responded not at this point.

III. Adjournment

Mr. Petruziello moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.