

**STATE OF HAWAII  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
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October 15, 2020

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Catherine Payne  
Chairperson, Board of Education

AGENDA ITEM: Board Action on National Association of State Boards of Education  
("NASBE") election of NASBE chair-elect

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**I. BACKGROUND**

The Hawaii State Board of Education ("Board") is a member of the National Association of State Boards of Education ("NASBE"). NASBE develops, supports, and empowers citizen leaders on state boards of education to strengthen public education systems so students of all backgrounds and circumstances are prepared to succeed in school, work, and life. NASBE is holding its annual conference in Omaha, Nebraska from October 20 through 23, 2020.

NASBE members will be convening virtually to conduct the organization's business, including electing the 2021 NASBE Chair-elect.

At its September 17, 2020 General Business Meeting, the Board designated Board Chairperson Catherine Payne as the voting delegate and Board Member Lynn Fallin as the alternate delegate to represent Hawai'i and vote at the delegate assembly.

The position of NASBE chair-elect is a one-year position that ascends into the position of chair the following year. Attached as **Exhibit A** are the statements from the two candidates for NASBE Chair-Elect, Janet A. Cannon of the Utah State Board of Education and Ron McNinch of the Territory of Guam Education Board.

**II. RECOMMENDATION**

The Board should authorize its voting delegate and alternate delegate to vote for one of the chair-elect candidates at NASBE's 2020 Annual Conference.

**Proposed motion:** "Moved to authorize NASBE voting delegate Board Chairperson Catherine Payne and alternate delegate Lynn Fallin to cast a ballot for

\_\_\_\_\_ for the position of NASBE chair-elect at the NASBE 2020 Annual Conference.

**Exhibit A**

Statements by candidates for NASBE Chair-Elect

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Dear NASBE,

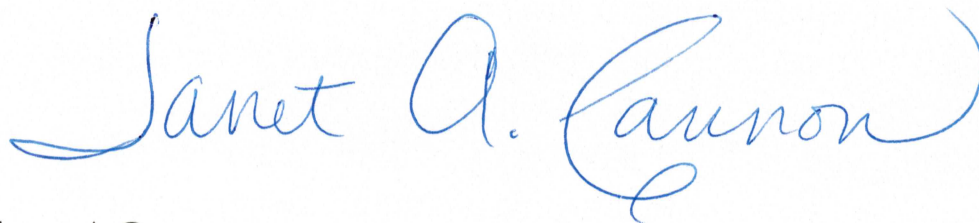
I consider it a great honor to have been asked to submit my name as a candidate for the NASBE Chair-elect position in 2021. I have a long history of service within the organization and feel that as a State Board member, my state and I have benefited greatly from being a part of this organization whose unique purpose is to support and benefit State Boards of Education throughout the US states and territories.

I currently serve on NASBE's Board of Directors as Western Area Director. During my tenure, I have tried to reach out and engage board members in the West, by educating them about the benefits NASBE offers to State Boards and providing them with opportunities for participation in the organization. From 2003-2005, I also held the Western Area Director position. During that time, I developed a job description for Area Directors. In 2006, I was honored to receive NASBE'S Distinguished Service Award. I served on NASBE's Governmental Affairs Committee from 1996 - 2001. GAC gave me a way to provide my state board with more insight and understanding of education at the federal level. After participating in NASBE legislative conferences, I became a frequent visitor to Utah's congressional offices and developed relationships with education staff there.

In my home state of Utah, I am in my fifth four-year term. I have served seven years in Board leadership during which time I wrote and developed Utah's bylaws; by utilizing assistance from NASBE and through networking with state boards at NASBE events. I chaired the committee to develop the Utah State Board's first strategic plan following a strategic planning retreat led by NASBE. I have chaired standing committees of the Board. I also served on the Utah State Board of Regents and as a Governor's appointee to Utah's governing body over technical colleges. I hold a Master's degree and a Certificate of Clinical Competency in Speech/Language Pathology. I am a mother to five adult children, one who is intellectually gifted and learning disabled; and grandmother of eight; one of whom is challenged with Down's Syndrome. Providing the best possible public education for all of them is my ongoing goal.

I offer many years of experience and dedication to public education in general and NASBE in particular. I hope to see every state board as a unit and state board members individually engaged in NASBE's boardsmanship, professional development, and leadership opportunities.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet A. Cannon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Janet" and last name "Cannon" clearly legible, and "A." as a small middle initial.

Janet A Cannon  
Utah State Board of Education



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Dear NASBE,

Hafa Adai! My name is Ron McNinch and I am a member of the Territory of Guam Education Board. I would like to respectfully express interest in 2021 NASBE Chair Elect position.

One qualifying point for this elected position is service on the NASBE Board or an equivalent activity. I have served on the NASBE Board of Directors since 2017. I was first elected to a two year term as a new member representative. I then was elected to a three year term as a western director during the transition to a smaller board in 2019. Therefore, I believe I am eligible.

A second requirement is relates to the term of the applicant. I will serve on the Guam Board for at least the next two years and it is highly likely I will be reappointed or elected to continue to serve in the future. Therefore, I believe I am eligible.

Having served for nearly three years on the NASBE Board, I have a strong appreciation of the mission, activities and potential of the organization. The secret of success for NASBE is a stable and strong executive and professional staff. The mission and the values of NASBE are operationalized by the staff and the organization has been both successful and stable due to this core strength. If I am fortunate and selected as Chair-Elect, my chief goal will be to maintain this continuity and stability. On the seven major boards and commissions I have served on in the last 24 years, I have always encouraged my peers to avoid micromanaging staff and respect the role of the professional executive.

My principal skill area is human resources. The subject of my doctoral dissertation and a regular area of my practice as a public administrator is policy leader selection. I am also skilled in the areas of statistics and fraud examination. Therefore, I am a strong believer in following rules and protocols as well as relying on data to support decisions.



Guam is a colony of the United States and one of 56 major state level jurisdictions. One major goal or project that I would like to undertake as chair elect or chair would be to colonize every state with NASBE membership. In the last two years, very good progress has been made toward extending NASBE to all states. I would certainly like to promote this effort also.

On a final note, no person from Guam has ever led a major national organization. The very fact that I have been elected twice to the NASBE Board is strong evidence of a practice of diversity at NASBE. I am honored that I have the opportunity to vie for the highest level of service in this very fine organization.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ron McNinch