City Selection Committee MINUTES

Public Meeting May 15, 2025

The City Selection Committee was convened as required pursuant to RCW 70A.15.2010-2020. Meeting announcements were published in the Yakima Herald-Republic, Sunnyside Sun, Grandview Herald, and El Sol, a press release was provided to television and radio station outlets, and the agenda was posted to the Agency web site. The meeting was open to the public and accessible via video-conference (with details provided in the posted agenda).

1. Call to Order

Thornsbury called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m. in the conference room, Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency; 186 Iron Horse Ct. Ste. 101; Yakima, Washington. The start of the meeting was delayed until a quorum was achieved. Thornsbury welcomed the mayors present and explained the statutory duty to convene the committee when a vacancy in one of the city representative positions occurs.

2. Roll Call

All members of the committee present stated their name and the city for which they serve as mayor. Quorum was established with the presence of nine out of fourteen mayors.

Mayors: Roger Bell, City of Selah

Dean Broersma, City of Sunnyside Patricia Byers, City of Yakima Margaret Estrada, City of Wapato Hilda Gonzalez Ed.D., City of Granger John Hodkinson, City of Union Gap Ashley Lara, City of Grandview Rachel Ruelas, City of Mabton Elpidia Saavedra, City of Toppenish

Marc Thornsbury, Executive Director

3. Introduction

Staff present:

Thornsbury briefly explained the process of accepting nominations and appointing a representative to the Board. He added the group would need to select a chairperson for the committee.

4. Selection of Chairperson

Byers nominated Roger Bell. Lara seconded. By consensus, the committee selected Bell as chairperson.

5. Public Comment

No members of the public were in attendance.

6. Nominations

Bell opened the floor to nominations for a city representative to the YRCAA Board of Directors. Lara nominated Hilda Gonzalez. Broersma asked if the appointee was required to be a mayor or could be another elected representative. Thornsbury stated the person could be a mayor or another elected city representative. Estrada seconded the nomination of Gonzalez. Gonzalez accepted the nomination. Bell asked for any other nominations. None were offered.

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Bell called for a vote to appoint the sole nominee, Hilda Gonzalez. Gonzalez appointed on nine aye votes, zero nay votes, and no abstentions.

8. Adjournment

Byers moved to adjourn.	. Gonzalez seconded. Motion passed	d. Bell adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Roger Bell, Chairperson Marc Thornsbury, Executive Director

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