

General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
Education and Early Development Board, Third Judicial District seat

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:
None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:
Education & Early Development Board Third Judicial District Seat

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
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Conflict of Interest

Full disclosure of personal financial data under AS 39.50.010 is required for certain boards and commissions. Are you willing to provide this information if required for the board or commission which you are applying?

Yes

Service in a public office is a public trust. The Ethics Act (AS 39.52.110) prohibits substantial and material conflicts of interest. Is it possible that you or any member of your family will benefit financially by decisions to be made by the board or commission for which you are applying? If you answer 'yes' to this question you MUST explain the potential financial benefit.

No

Please explain the potential financial benefit

Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR • IDITAROD ELEMENTARY • MATANUSKA SUSITNA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (MSBSD) • 501 N GULKANA ST. • PALMER, AK 99645 • AUGUST 2018 TO PRESENT

SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL COUNSELOR • MSBSD • 2015-2018

HOMESCHOOL TEACHER • INDEPENDENT HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM • 2010 TO PRESENT

DISTRICT CURRICULUM COORDINATOR • MSBSD • 2004-2010

SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR • COLONY HIGH SCHOOL & TEELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL • MSBSD • 1993-2004

HIGH SCHOOL MATH TEACHER • COLONY HIGH SCHOOL & SEWARD JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL • 1988-1993

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL ASSISTANT COACH • COLONY HIGH SCHOOL • MSBSD • 1991-2002

SAXON MATH CONSULTANT • VARIOUS ALASKA SCHOOL DISTRICTS • 2011-2013

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

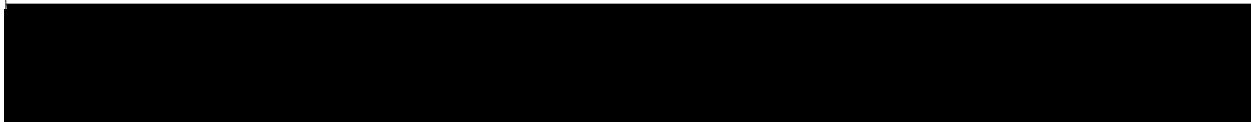
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List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria: LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR • 2000 TO PRESENT • STATE OF ALASKA LICENSE#087 CERTIFIED SECONDARY MATHEMATICS TEACHER • 1988 TO PRESENT • STATE OF ALASKA CERTIFIED K-12 COUNSELOR • 1993 TO PRESENT • STATE OF ALASKA
List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received. BOARD OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT MEMBER • JANUARY 2018 TO PRESENT • SECOND VICE-CHAIR FEBRUARY 2019 TO PRESENT • STATE OF ALASKA BOARD OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR • MARCH 2019 TO PRESENT • STATE OF ALASKA LAZY MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD • PRESIDENT 2016 TO PRESENT & 2009-2011 • PALMER, ALASKA MAT-SU COMMUNITY COUNCILS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY • MEMBER 2019 TO PRESENT • WASILLA, ALASKA HEARTREACH PREGNANCY CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS • 2009–2012 • PRESIDENT 2009- 2010 • WASILLA, ALASKA ALASKA PRIVATE & HOME EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBER • 2012–2015 • WASILLA, ALASKA

Conviction Record

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past <u>five</u> years or a felony within the past <u>ten</u> years? No
Conviction Circumstances

Certification of Accuracy & Completeness

By submitting this online application, I swear the information I have entered on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I deliberately conceal or enter false information on the form my application may be rejected, I may be removed from the list of eligible candidates, or I may be removed from the position. I agree that the Office of the Governor may contact present or former employees or other persons who know me to obtain an additional information about my skills and abilities. I understand that the information on this application is public information and may be released through a legal request for such information.
Type "I certify" "I certify"
Resume Addendum:



**LV****LORRI VAN DIEST**


OBJECTIVE

I am a sincere, conscientious trustworthy individual, re-applying for the Board of Education & Early Development. My experience as a current State Board of Education member, elementary school counselor, and district curriculum coordinator, makes me a strong candidate.

SKILLS

I will continue to offer the Board of Education & Early Development skills as an experienced facilitator, coordinator, organizer, accurate record keeper, solid team player, confidential counselor, and skilled communicator in verbal and written language.

WORK EXPERIENCE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR • IDITAROD ELEMENTARY • MATANUSKA SUSITNA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (MSBSD) • 501 N GULKANA ST. • PALMER, AK 99645 • AUGUST 2018 TO PRESENT

- Counseled individual students and parents
- Facilitated small group counseling
- Worked with community agencies regarding individuals and families
- Maintained accurate and confidential records
- Member of Crisis Response Team
- Professional Development presenter to school staff

SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL COUNSELOR • MSBSD • 2015-2018

- Filled-in for regular counselor at various secondary schools
- Worked up to 8 weeks at a time
- Responsibilities equivalent to the full-time counselor

HOMESCHOOL TEACHER • INDEPENDENT HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM • 2010 TO PRESENT

- Planned, taught, and assessed all school subjects to my three children
- Coordinated learning opportunities
- Traveled extensively throughout the Pacific Northwest of the United States

DISTRICT CURRICULUM COORDINATOR • MSBSD • 2004-2010

- Coordinated district curriculum development for all core content areas in a district of 18,800 students
- Facilitated Curriculum Council, curriculum writing and selection meetings for up to 40 people
- Organized the selection process for district-wide instructional materials
- Teamed with other district leaders on various initiatives, including district improvement plans, federal grants, and AYP efforts

SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR • COLONY HIGH SCHOOL & TEELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL • MSBSD • 1993-2004

- Advised and assisted high school seniors' transition to various post-secondary opportunities
- Conducted scholarship, financial aid, post-secondary education workshops
- Coordinated school wide counseling program
- Built the master schedule for TMS and CHS

HIGH SCHOOL MATH TEACHER • COLONY HIGH SCHOOL & SEWARD JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL • 1988-1993

- Taught and assessed all levels of high school math, including 12th grade Pre-Calculus
- Maintained accurate student records
- Planned classroom instruction and organized classroom environment

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL ASSISTANT COACH • COLONY HIGH SCHOOL • MSBSD • 1991-2002

- Coached all levels – C Team, Junior-Varsity, Varsity
- Designed and conducted C team practices
- Chaperoned all basketball trips, including travel to other states

SAXON MATH CONSULTANT • VARIOUS ALASKA SCHOOL DISTRICTS • 2011-2013

- Planned and facilitated training for district teachers
- Operated distant learning technology for trainings
- Prepared written reports for school officials

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATES

GUIDANCE & COUNSELING, M.S. • 1996 • OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY • CORVALLIS, OREGON

Summa Cum Laude

MATHEMATICS, B.S. • 1986 • SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY • SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Cum Laude

SEVERAL COLLEGE COURSES USED TO RE-CERTIFY TEACHING & COUNSELING CREDENTIAL • 1989 TO PRESENT • UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA • ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

SEVERAL EDUCATIONAL & NATIONAL CONFERENCES • VARIOUS TOPICS • 1990 TO PRESENT • ALASKA & OTHER STATES

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR • 2000 TO PRESENT • STATE OF ALASKA LICENSE #087

CERTIFIED SECONDARY MATHEMATICS TEACHER • 1988 TO PRESENT • STATE OF ALASKA

CERTIFIED K-12 SCHOOL COUNSELOR • 1993 TO PRESENT • STATE OF ALASKA

VOLUNTEER & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

BOARD OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT MEMBER • JANUARY 2018 TO PRESENT • SECOND VICE-CHAIR FEBRUARY 2019 TO PRESENT • STATE OF ALASKA

BOARD OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR • MARCH 2019 TO PRESENT • STATE OF ALASKA

LAZY MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD • PRESIDENT 2016 TO PRESENT & 2009-2011 • PALMER, ALASKA

MAT-SU COMMUNITY COUNCILS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY • MEMBER 2019 TO PRESENT • WASILLA, ALASKA

HEARTREACH PREGNANCY CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS • 2009-2012 • PRESIDENT 2009-2010 • WASILLA, ALASKA

ALASKA PRIVATE & HOME EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBER • 2012-2015 • WASILLA, ALASKA

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

From: Wheelles_Lem <Wheelles_Lem@asdk12.org>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 2:51 PM
To: Rep. Andi Story <Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov>
Subject: PTPC Nomination

Dear Representative Story,

I am honored to have been appointed by the Governor to the Professional Teaching Practices Commission. I am reaching out to you today to introduce myself and provide a copy of my resume. I look forward to testifying before the House Education Committee during my confirmation hearing.

I have taught social studies at my alma mater, A.J. Dimond High School, for my entire 17-year career as an educator. I am active in many professional leadership roles and I am the advisor for the national award-winning Dimond Student Government. I was the 2018 Alaska History Teacher of the Year and I am a BP Teacher of Excellence. My wife, Lyndsay, and I have two daughters, both of whom are currently students in the Anchorage School District.

As a teacher, a parent, and an engaged member of our community, I take my role as a member of the Professional Teaching Practices Commission very seriously. Every student deserves to have great teachers preparing them to be active citizens in our democracy, and the PTPC ensures that the teachers of Alaska abide by the highest ethical standards.

I look forward to speaking with you further during the confirmation process, and I welcome any questions you may have for me.

Sincerely,

Lem Wheelles

The mission of A.J. Dimond High School is to facilitate optimal learning for all students to empower them to lead fulfilling and productive lives in a rapidly changing and increasingly complex society.

Lem Wheelles

Education

Master of Arts in Teaching

University of Alaska Anchorage

- Emphasis in Secondary (7-12) Social Studies
- Graduated *summa cum laude*

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

University of Alaska Anchorage

- Minors in Sociology and Communication
- Graduated *summa cum laude*; awarded University Honors, Political Science Honors, and Leadership Honors

Relevant Post-Graduate Courses

- Social and Emotional Learning K-12 Support, University of Alaska Anchorage, 2015, 2016
- Secondary Student Leadership AASG, University of Alaska Anchorage, 2015
- iTeach Online 102, University of Alaska Anchorage, 2014
- Archival Research Basics with the National Archives, Alaska Pacific University, 2013
- Advanced Placement Institute in US History, Seattle Pacific University, 2013
- Advanced Placement Institute in US Government, San Diego State University, 2012
- *We the People* Advanced Institute: Challenges of American Citizenship for Native Peoples, Center for Civic Education, 2010
- *We the People* Advanced Institute: Ordered Liberty, Center for Civic Education, 2010
- MyHigh Online 101, University of Alaska Anchorage, 2010
- Adam Smith Fellows Program, University of Alaska Anchorage, 2007-2008
- *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* Institute, Center for Civic Education, 2007

Certification

Professional Teacher Certificate, State of Alaska

- Social Studies Grades 7-12
- Highly Qualified Statuses: Social Studies, Government/Political Science, Economics, World and US History

Experience

High School Social Studies Teacher, A.J. Dimond High School

September 2004 to present

- Courses taught: US Government, AP US Government, AP Comparative Government, US History, AP US History, Economics, World History, Alaska Studies, Student Government.
- Provide students with experiential learning experiences such as participation in public meetings and forums with elected officials.
- Reinforce student learning through simulations like a stock market game and a women's suffrage debate.
- Teach analytical thinking through primary source materials including the US Constitution and Roosevelt's Fireside Chats.
- Align curriculum to relevant local, state, and national standards through writing of district Academic Plans, AP Course Syllabi, and districtwide Student Growth Objective Exams.
- Train student leaders to represent their peers, plan and execute school-wide events, and provide student voice on school issues.

Online Social Studies Teacher, ASD iSchool**January 2011 to present**

- Courses taught: US Government, AP US Government, US History.
- Teach multiple courses and multiple sections of online courses concurrently with face-to-face courses.
- Modify district-purchased curriculum to align with district curriculum framework and state content standards.
- Teach using a variety of Learning Management Systems, including Canvas, Buzz, BrainHoney, Google Classroom, and Moodle.
- Maintain regular communication with students and parents to ensure appropriate progress and timely completion of online coursework.
- Work with students to accommodate unique circumstances including students on traveling sports teams, students on foreign exchange, and students in medical confinement.

Leadership

- Student Government Advisor, 2010-present
- School Webmaster, 2005-present
- Model United Nations Advisor, 2004-present
- Co-Chair, Dimond Foundations Team, 2017-present
- Elections Committee Chair, Anchorage Education Association, 2017-present
- Parliamentarian, NEA-Alaska Delegate Assembly, 2017-present
- Anchorage School District Assessment Inventory Steering Committee, 2017-present
- Parliamentarian, Anchorage Education Association Policy Assembly, 2016-present
- Chair, Dimond High School Social and Emotional Learning Team, 2015-present
- Teacher Representative, Dimond High School PTSA Board, 2014-present
- Project Lead, ASD AP US Government Redesign Workgroup, 2018
- Guest Lecturer, Teaching ASD Fifth Grade Social Studies, Anchorage School District Summer Academy, 2016, 2017
- Co-Chair, Dimond High School Re-Accreditation Committee, 2016-2017
- Faculty Forum Facilitator, 2011-2012, 2015-2016, 2016-2017
- Chair, Dimond at 50: A Maroon and Golden Anniversary, 2016-2017
- Academic House Technology Coordinator, 2005-2017
- Invited Testimony, Alaska Legislative Task Force on Civics Education, 2016
- Co-Author, US Government Mastery Exam, Anchorage School District Credit by Examination Program, 2015
- Co-Author, US Government Student Growth Objective Exam, Anchorage School District, 2015
- Sample Syllabus Author, AP United States Government Framework Review, College Board, 2015
- Inservice Presenter, *Teaching Government with Document-Based Questions*, Anchorage School District Cross-district Inservice, 2015
- JV Tennis Coach, 2004-2012
- Field Test Teacher, *Focus: Understanding Economics in Civics and Government*, Council for Economic Education, 2009

Awards and Other Recognition

- Alaska History Teacher of the Year, 2018
- Legislative Citation for Teaching Excellence, Alaska Legislature, 2018
- BP Teacher of Excellence 2018
- National Association of Student Councils' National Gold Council of Excellence Award, 2018
- National Association of Student Councils' National Council of Excellence Award, 2017
- Model United Nations of Alaska Advisor of the Year, 2011, 2017
- Alaska World Affairs Council Teacher of the Year, 2010

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See attached record of service

First Name Ralph	Middle Name C	Last Name Seekins
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Type "I certify" "I certify"
Resume Addendum:
Press Release Wording
Submitted: 12/3/2020 11:37:08 AM

Ralph C. Seekins

November 24, 2020

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
P.O. Box 110001, Juneau, AK 99811-0001

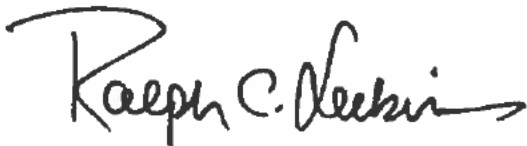
Ladies and Gentlemen

Please find attached hereto: (1) my application form for the University of Alaska Board of Regents; and (2) my current resume form.

If you need any other information, please feel free to call my cell (907-388-8454) anytime.

Thank you for your consideration.

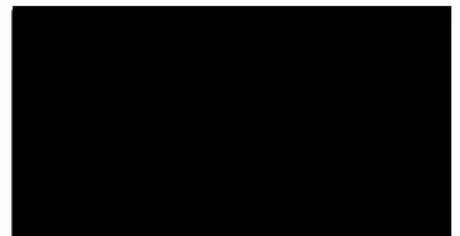
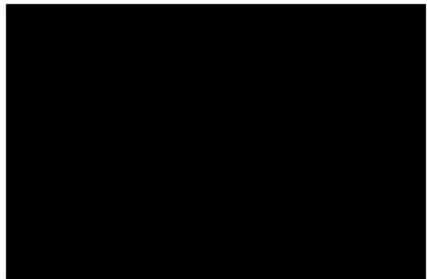
Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph C. Seekins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Ralph C. Seekins



RALPH SEEKINS



Ralph Seekins is an established leader in industry, community, and political fields. A proven builder of key relationships, with demonstrated successes in operations, team building, business development, marketing and sales. Recognized both in Alaska and nationally as an outstanding individual in community involvement, political involvement, and business leadership.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Seekins Ford-Lincoln President – Owner

August 1977-Present

At the age of 32, with the help of his partner, Don Chandler (deceased 1989), and through the Ford Motor Company's Dealer Development program, Ralph became the dealer principal of Seekins Ford-Lincoln. With two locations, the headquarters in Fairbanks and a secondary location at Deadhorse on the North Slope, the Seekins "Defined Market Area" stretches north to the Arctic Ocean, east to Canada, west to Russia, and south to approximately the Alaska Range – an area about 1-1/2 times the size of the State of Texas.. Seekins Ford-Lincoln is the largest square mile area and farthest north dealership in North America.

Beginning on opening day, Seekins built a new team from the bottom up and the dealership became recognized as one of the top Ford and Ford-Lincoln-Mercury dual dealerships in the Pacific Northwest (Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska).

An example of the Seekins forward thinking, the dealership was the first in the nation, when it partnered with Ford Motor Company to establish a Ford Fast Lube operation at the Fairbanks location. And, later, in 2017 Seekins became the first dealership in the nation to establish Ford QuickLane operation on military reservations – at Ford Wainwright and Eielson Air Force Base. Interestingly, Seekins Ford is the only known Ford dealership to use a private airplane as a service vehicle to reach remote locations.

Budget Rent-A-Car of Alaska President

1987-1996

In 1987, Seekins Ford-Lincoln purchased the majority interest in Anchorage based Budget Rent-A-Car of Alaska. Ralph served as President until 1996, when the dealership sold its entire interest to an Anchorage based operator.

Seekins Ford – Soldotna**President – Owner****1996-2002**

In 1996, Ralph purchased the Ford dealership in Soldotna, Alaska. He served as President and owner until 2002, at which time, after several years of rejecting his purchase proposals, Ralph sold the dealership to the local Kenai Chrysler dealer.

Jim Thompson Ford Sales**April 1974-August 1977****General Sales Manager**

In 1974, Jim Thompson, the Fairbanks Ford dealer, asked the Ford Motor Company's Northwest Region Sales Manager, Lee Anderson to help him find a Sales Manager for his Fairbanks dealership. Mr. Anderson introduced Ralph, who was then the Commercial/Leasing manager for the William O. McKay Co., a downtown Seattle Ford dealership, to Mr. Thompson. Mr. Anderson knew that, after Connie graduated from nursing school at Seattle Pacific University, Ralph wanted to re-locate somewhere out of the Seattle Metroplex. At that introduction, Mr. Anderson gave Ralph his highest recommendation.

"Jim. If you can hire Ralph, do it. He'll do a great job for you." Lee Anderson – Ford Regional Sales Mgr.

Starting at Jim Thompson Ford Sales in April of 1974, Ralph rebuilt and re-trained the entire sales department. 90 days later, the July retail sales had doubled any prior month at the dealership. Additionally, capitalizing on his past experience as a commercial and fleet manager, Ralph quickly established relationships with Alaska based companies both large and small. In 1975, Ralph was honored by Ford Motor Company as a "Professional Sales Manager" due to ever increasing sales volume and customer satisfaction ratings.

William O. McKay Company**March 1970-April 1974****Commercial Sales Manager – Leasing Manager**

The McKay Co., established in 1914, was a major Ford and Lincoln dealership in Seattle, Washington. One year after first employed, at the age of 25, Ralph was promoted to manage the Commercial Sales Office and the dealership owned First National Auto Lease Co. Commercial responsibilities included working with major and minor corporate entities in Western Washington to supply vehicles from sedans to dump trucks. During Ralph's tenure, McKay became the largest Commercial vehicle sales dealer in the Pacific Northwest, selling near 3,000 vehicles in 1973. Additionally, First National Auto Lease provided 2,000 vehicles to Pacific Northwest commercial entities even into the State of California.

Green Truck and Equipment

June-1968-October 1969

Heavy Truck Technician – Welder

Green Truck was a GMC dealership and heavy truck repair garage located in Coulee Dam, Washington. Ralph obtained valuable skills as a certified high pressure welder and a B level auto technician level from working part time in a vehicle repair shop while in college. Utilizing those skills, Ralph's primary responsibility was working on and repairing 40 Kenworth tractors used during the 3rd power-plant project at Grand Coulee Dam project.

Three of Ralph's original modifications to Kenworth trucks are still in use to this date.

In September of 1969, Ralph married Constance (Connie) Olson. Shortly thereafter, he separated from Green and the new family moved to Seattle so Connie could continue her Nursing School studies at Seattle Pacific University.

High School – College Years

Ralph worked on farms and ranches with cattle and horses from age 14. As time went on, he also assisted his father building church and parsonage buildings and remodeling homes and farm buildings in and around Cody, Wyoming. Then, while at Wheaton College, in Wheaton, Illinois, Ralph worked as a school bus driver and apprentice auto technician/welder. During the summers of 1964-1968, Ralph worked as a carpenter's helper on the Yellowtail Dam project and, beginning at age 19, as a journeyman carpenter/welder on both the Yellowtail Dam and Grand Coulee Dam as well as building custom homes and apartment buildings.

From age 15, Ralph began his own business working with problem horses bringing them to acceptable behavior for the horses' owners.

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Ford National Dealer Council

2000-2002

The Ford National Dealer Council is comprised of 30 Ford dealers elected by their fellow dealers from the different geographical regions around the U.S. to represent the more than 3,400 U.S. Ford dealers in negotiations with Ford Motor Company on mutually beneficial issues of dealer/company relationships. In 2000, Ralph was

unanimously elected by the Pacific Northwest Ford dealer body to represent Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana on the Ford National Dealer Council.

- The first year of his membership, Ralph, based on his extensive involvement with Commercial and Fleet businesses, was elected as chair the Fleet and Commercial Vehicle Committee.
- In 2001, Ralph was elected Vice Chair of the National Council and Chair of the Parts and Service Committee.
- At the end of his second year term, Ralph was asked by the Council and by Ford Motor Company to be the first ever Council member to serve a third year-long term on the Council and to act as Chairman.
- During his Chairman year, Ralph completed a Dealer/Company Trust Relationship document that was used by the Chairman of Ford to strengthen the Dealer/Company relationship.

"Ralph gave the Dealer Council back to the dealers with his successful leadership at Ford and in his relationship with the National Automobile Dealer Association." Tom Addis – Coeur d'Alene, Id. Ford dealer, Dealer Council Member

"I can't help but reflect on the "dark days" and how we never would be in the position we are today without your leadership and support. You truly stand for what is best at Ford, and I can't thank you enough." Bill Ford – Chairman Ford Motor Company.

Ford Dealer Advertising Association

2010-2016

Ralph served two elected terms as the Alaska representative on the Board of Directors of the Pacific Northwest Region Ford Dealer Advertising Association (FDAF) The Northwest Region FDAF meets monthly and plans the combined Tier III multi-media advertising content and placement for Ford dealerships in the States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. The annual Northwest FDAA budget exceeds \$25 million per calendar year.

Ford and Lincoln-Mercury Dealer Development Alumni Association

A national organization of Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealers who successfully completed their buy-out of Ford Motor Company's investment through the Ford Dealer Development program.

- Member beginning in 1983 after buying out Ford's Shares in Seekins Ford.
- Board Member 1989-1991; 1999-2003.
- National President 1991

"Through his leadership, Ralph provided the glue to keep the DD group together during the tough times Ford was working through. We can't thank him enough." Dave Sinclair – St. Louis, MO Ford dealer.

Ford Motor Company Dealer Political Action Committee

State of Alaska representative. This committee has been active for more than 25 years and continues to operate on an as-needed basis. Ralph's personal relationships with both of Alaska's U.S. Senators and Alaska's Representative make him effective in communicating with the Alaska delegation.

INDUSTRY AWARDS

TIME® Magazine Quality Dealer of the Year Award

2005

In 2005, Ralph was the 36th annual national awardee selected from more than 20,000 all-make franchised automobile dealers nation-wide. The final selection was made by the faculty of the **University of Michigan School of Business** for business achievement and community involvement. The highest recognition an automobile dealer can ever receive – tantamount to the **SUPER BOWL** of Automobile Dealers in the United States.

"As you know, this award recognizes you as one of the nation's most successful auto dealers, and also honors you for your long-standing commitment to community and civic service. I am sure that through your community service and as an Alaska State Senator, you have truly made Alaska a better place to live for everyone." A.J. Wagner – President, Ford Motor Credit Company North America.

Automotive Hall of Fame

2006

In 2006, Ralph was awarded a **Distinguished Service Citation** at the February 2006 National Automobile Association Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida. This is the Automotive Hall of Fame's oldest recognition, initiated in 1940. By

2006, only 410 individuals in the last 67 years had been selected by the Hall of Fame to receive the Distinguished Service Citation.

"The DSC recognizes an individual who has significantly impacted the industry and/or their respective organizations." Automotive Hall of Fame

Significantly, Ralph is the only Automobile Dealer in the United States who has served as Chairman of his manufacturer's National Dealer Council, has been the TIME® Magazine Quality Dealer of the Year, and an awardee of the Automotive Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Citation.

STATE AND NATIONAL POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

Alaska State Senate

2003-2006

Elected to a four-year term in the Alaska State Senator representing the geographically large Senate District D. While in the Senate, Ralph served in the following positions:

- Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee. 2003-2006
- Chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Gas Development – Joint Committee comprised of Senate Finance Committee and Senate Natural Resources Committee. 2006. As Chair, Ralph broke new ground in the Senate by allowing members of companion committees from the Alaska House of Representatives to sit in committee meetings and ask questions of witnesses.
- Vice Chair of the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee. 2003-2006
- Vice Chair of the Senate Natural Resources Committee. 2003-2006
- Vice Chair of the Senate Special Committee on the University of Alaska
- Member of the Senate Select Committee on Foreign Trade – State/Federal Relations.
- In 2003, Senator Seekins was appointed by the Senate President to represent Alaska on the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) – an association of legislators from Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Alaska, British Columbia, Alberta, and the Yukon Territory. PNWER works collaboratively across state, territorial, and national borders on economic issues that affect the contiguous economic region. Senator Seekins served as Co-Chair of the Border Crossing Committee.

Senator Seekins passed a record of 32 personal bills and resolves in his four year term. A list of Senator Seekins' bills and resolves is attached hereto.

Republican National Committee

2008-2016

Elected to serve two four-year terms as Alaska's RNC National Committeeman. The RNC is made up of 168 members – the Chairman, Committeeman, and Committeewoman from each state and U.S. Territory. Committeeman Seekins served in the following positions:

- Rules Committee. 2008-2016
- Proxy Member of the Resolutions Committee – Various meetings.

City of Fairbanks Permanent Fund Board of Trustees

2000-2001

Appointed by the Fairbanks City Council, Ralph assisted establishing a Permanent Fund for the City of Fairbanks. The initial funding came from the sale of a public utility which was then set aside to provide earnings to help pay for local government. After helping set up this multi-million dollar fund, Mr. Seekins stepped aside to later run for State Senate.

Alaska Permanent Fund Board of Trustees

1990-1994

Mr. Seekins was appointed as a Trustee of the Alaska Permanent Fund by Governor Wally Hickel. He was elected Chair of the Trustee Board in 1994. After his election, Governor Tony Knowles replaced Mr. Seekins because Mr. Seekins would not agree to vote to invest the Fund's assets according to Governor Knowles "political agenda." Seekins agreed that he would invest for the best return for the people of Alaska.

"Honoring Ralph Seekins . . . for his service as a public member on the board of trustees. During their term the total assets grew from \$11.5 billion to \$14.9 billion and increasing appreciating assets from 35 percent to 52 percent and invested in favor of increased active management." Alaska Legislative Citation. 1995.

Governor's Economic Advisory Committee on North Slope Natural Gas

1986-1987

Ralph was appointed by Governor Hammond to serve on this Committee along with two past Alaska governors (Hickel and Egan), economists, and business leaders. The Committee's mission was to evaluate the potential national and international markets for Alaska's North Slope natural gas while taking the higher

development and transportation costs of getting Alaska's gas to market. The Committee completed its final report in 1987 and was dissolved at that time.

City of Fairbanks Transportation Committee **1984-1986**

Mr. Seekins was appointed by the Fairbanks City Council as Chair for the purpose of establishing a regulatory and licensing process to control public transportation such as taxi cabs and other for hire vehicles. The committee established a robust safety inspection and driver licensing process that still exists to this day. After completing the processes, Mr. Seekins stepped aside to attend to his own business matters.

Fairbanks North Star Borough Economic Advisory Committee **1982-1985**

Ralph was appointed by the Borough Mayor. This Committee tracked and published economic trends in the Borough and made recommendations to the Borough Mayor regarding potential areas of economic impact.

LOCAL, STATE, NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Eagle Forum Award **2006**

Presented to Alaska State Senator Ralph Seekins by Phyllis Schlafly – President of Eagle Forum a national organization supporting respect for the nuclear family, public and private virtue, and private enterprise.

*“With appreciation for your dedicated work for God,
Family and Country.*

State Medical Association, Alaska Physicians and Surgeons, **2006**
Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association,
Providence Health Systems in Alaska.

*“With deep appreciation for your continuing
commitment to quality health care for all Alaskans.*

National Transportation and Safety Board State Safety **2006**
Leadership Award

Only the 50th State Legislature to ever receive this Award from the National Transportation Safety Board.

"For you initiative and outstanding leadership in promoting and adopting laws to require safety belt use by all drivers and motor vehicle occupants in Alaska."

Business Leader of the Year Award

1990

Since 1977, the University Of Alaska School Of Business has annually honored business leaders in Alaska's Interior. Recipients are chosen based on merits of leadership, business accomplishments, community involvement and educational support.

"In recognition for outstanding business achievements and community service with a strong regard for mentorship to business peers and local students of business."

Fairbanks Daily News Miner Community Service Award

1989

This Award is not awarded on an annual basis. It is selected by the Fairbanks Daily News Miner to recognize community service in the Fairbanks community.

Through Active Involvement In a Wide Range of Community Service and Youth Groups, He Has Demonstrated A Strong Commitment to the Future of Alaska and its People. His Efforts are Helping Make Fairbanks A Better Place For Families.

Alaska Business Magazine The New 49ERS

1985-2020

Seekins Ford-Lincoln has been recognized by the Alaska Business Magazine as a "Blockbuster of Business" – having been one of the top 49 Alaska owned business in terms of gross revenue for the last 35 years.

SPECIAL INTEREST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

American Quarter Horse Association.

1995-Present

The American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) – the World and U.S. largest Association in the \$122 billion U.S. equine industry that has a total employment impact of 1.7 million jobs. Having registered more than 6 million horses, AQHA

has more than 250,000 card carrying members and more than 1,000,000 affiliated owners across more than 80 nations.

The Seekins family has continuously owned American Quarter Horses since 1995 when they established their small AQHA operation in Fairbanks. Since 1995, Ralph has served in numerous leadership positions. In addition to local and statewide, leadership positions include:

- National Director (Alaska/Washington) since 2006
- National Director Emeritus in 2016.
- Founding Member AQHA Public Policy Committee
- First Chair AQHA Public Policy Committee
- AQHA Member Marketing and Membership Committee
- AQHA Foundation Council
- AQHA Investment Oversight Committee
- AQHA Nominations and Credentials Committee
- Chair AQHA Past Presidents (Executive Committee Nominations) Committee

In 2014, Ralph was elected to the AQHA Executive Committee (EC) by floor vote of the Board of AQHA Directors. While on the Executive Committee, he advanced through the following positions:

- AQHA EC Member - 2014
- AQHA Second Vice President - 2015
- AQHA First Vice President - 2016
- **AQHA International President – 2017**

***“You have been a blessing to our industry.”
“I highly respect the professionalism and class you brought to the EC and your year as President. I know the membership values your leadership.”
What a great job you have done over the past year.
Great leadership, passion, and putting the membership first.” AQHA Executive Members***

Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race

1989

Ralph participated as a “rookie” musher and finished 23rd out of 47 starters in the 1,000 mile sled dog race from Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada to Fairbanks, Alaska.

The Yukon Quest is the ***“TOUGHEST SLED DOG RACE IN THE WORLD”*** and is run on an annual basis between Whitehorse in Canada’s Yukon Territory to Fairbanks in Alaska. Starting in Fairbanks on even years and in Whitehorse on odd years, the race covers 1,000 miles in the depths of the Arctic winter. The “Quest” is known for excellence in canine care and fostering the traditions of northern travel by dog sled. The race follows the historic Gold Rush and Mail Delivery dog sled routes from the turn of the 20th Century. Once the transportation “highways” of the Northern frontier, the Yukon Quest Trail now only comes alive during February when the temperatures can reach 40 below or colder. Dog teams consisting of one human “musher” and their canine athletes travel for two weeks with no outside help except at the mid-point of the race, racing across some of the most pristine wilderness in North America

You can view a short documentary of Ralph’s 1989 1,000 mile Yukon Quest adventure with his 12 member dog sled team at the following YouTube address:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvGuOCFa8UA>

ALASKA NON-PROFIT INVOLVEMENT

Young Life Fairbanks

1977-Mid 2000

Founded in 1941, Young Life is a world-wide non-denominational Christian organization presenting a Christian perspective to Jr. High School and High School age young people across the United States and around the world.

- Ralph and Connie Seekins were one of five couples to establish the Fairbanks Young Life Club in 1977. Since then, they have held many leadership positions in Young Life Fairbanks from Committee Members to Club Sponsors, to Scholarship sponsors to flying High School kids from Remote Alaska villages in their aircraft so the kids could attend Young Life Camps.
- The Seekins home has been a “Club” location and has hosted more than 190 teenagers in the home at one time.

Alaska Baseball League

Ralph served as commissioner of the Alaska Baseball League – a summer non-pro, college program – when the teams were from Fairbanks, Anchorage (2 teams), Kenai, North Pole, and Wasilla, Alaska. More than 200 players from the Alaska League went on to play in Major League Baseball with numerous “All Star” and “Hall of Fame” selections. Prior to assuming the Commissioner role, Ralph served on the Board of Directors of the Alaska Goldpanners (Fairbanks) and established and ran the North Pole Nicks baseball club in North Pole, Alaska.

United Way of Tanana Valley

The United Way of Tanana Valley serves the Greater Fairbanks Area. Ralph was a board member from 1982-1985. Later, as the 1993-1994 Annual Fund Drive Co-Chair - with the dealership’s General Manager. They successfully raised more than \$1.255 million dollars for the various member agencies – a new record amount that remained the record for a number of years. A highlight for that year was the introduction of the first ever fund raising video that Ralph wrote and produced. The video introduced prospective donors to the mission, history, and accomplishments of the United Way and how it served the community.

Helping Hooves Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program

Ralph and Connie (a registered nurse) started the Helping Hooves Therapeutic Riding Program in 1999. The program uses certified Riders with Disabilities directors to provide occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech-language pathology. Over the years, hundreds of special needs children, injured or amputee adults, PTSD soldiers, and more have benefitted from this form of therapy. Run in partnership with Camp Li-Wa – a division of Victory Ministries – and using many volunteers from the community, the Seekins family remains committed to continuing this program for years to come.

This program is the very last thing we would ever quit doing in Fairbanks. It probably brings more reward to us than it does to our many riders. Ralph Seekins

Ford Motorcraft Tournament of Champions

A Co-Founder of the pre-season basketball tournament played in Fairbanks, Alaska between The University of Alaska (DII), the DIII National Champion from the previous season, the DII National Champion from the previous season, and the NAIA National Champion from the previous season. From there, the tournament evolved into the extremely popular pre-season 8 team NCAA DI + DII UAF Top

of the World Classic. The tournament was cancelled in 2008 after the NCAA changed its rules and allowed unlimited pre-season tournaments in the U.S.

Victory Ministries of Alaska

Victory Ministries of Alaska is the largest Christian camp and conference ministry in the State of Alaska. It consists of two campuses: Victory Bible Camps, located 95 miles northeast of Anchorage; and Camp Li-Wa, located 5 miles northeast of Fairbanks. Officially founded in 1947, it offers year-round family camps, missionary conferences, weekend retreats, educational programs, and summer camps for all ages.

Ralph has served as a Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Victory Ministries. He, and his family continue in a partnership with Camp Li-Wa in providing services through the Helping Hooves Therapeutic Riding Program.

HISTORY OF AFFILIATIONS

Through his 46+ years in Alaska, Ralph has been affiliate with the following organizations:

- Alaska Airlines – Alaska Community Advisory Board. 25+ years.
- Alaska Command – Alaska Community Advisory Board. 3+ years.
- Anchorage Olympic Organizing Committee (1992)
- Common Sense for Alaska – Former Board Member
- Alaskans First – Founding Incorporator – Past President
- Alaska Chamber of Commerce – Member, Past Board Member, Past Treasurer.
- Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce – Member, Past Board Member, Past Chairman.
- Alaska Wildlife Conservation Association (Laundry House Gang) – Founding Member Past President.
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.
- Seaplane Pilots Association.
- NAACP – Lifetime Silver Member.
- Rotary International – Multiple Paul Harris Fellow.
- Association of United States Army – Polar Bear Chapter – Ft. Wainwright.
- Air Force Association – Eielson Air Force Base.

- Tanana Valley State Fair Association – Multiple term Director, Past Vice President.
- Alaska Quarter Horse Association – Director, Past Vice President, Exhibitor.
- Fairbanks First Assembly of God – Board Member – Chairman of the Board.

OTHER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Sponsor of numerous youth sports activities including basketball, baseball, hockey, gymnastics, track and field.
- Long time sponsor of University of Alaska Fairbanks athletics.
- Volunteer assistant basketball coach – Lathrop High School.
- Volunteer assistant basketball coach – University of Alaska.
- Volunteer evaluator of business plans presented by undergraduate and graduate students at the UAF School of Business.
- Inspirational speaker at High School and Elementary Graduations.
- Instructor and clinician for youth and 4H equestrians.

PERSONAL – FAMILY INFORMATION

Born: April 1, 1945 in Duluth, Minnesota to Irving L. and Melba E. Seekins

Married: September 6, 1969 to Constance C. (Connie) Seekins.

Children:

- Aaron D. Seekins (6-19-72)
- Benjamin A. Seekins (5-25-74)
- Andrea A. Reinheller (11-30-78)
- Beth C. Austin (7-19-81)

Grandchildren: 21

EDUCATION

- **Elementary:** Cody, Wyoming
- **High School:** Hardin, Montana (1964)
- **College:** Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois (1964 – 1968)



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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FORM

Complete and specific answers will aid in rapid and accurate processing of your application. Please type or print legibly in ink. Please return by email, fax, or mail. Be sure your answers are true. A willfully false answer may result in your disqualification or removal from office if you are appointed.

Title: MR Legal Name: RAUPH C. SEEKINS Email: ralph@seekins.com

AS 39.05.100 requires that a person appointed to a state board or commission be a registered voter prior to the most recent general election:

Are you a registered voter: ☒ YES ☐ NO Voter Registration Number (optional): [REDACTED]

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If "YES", explain the circumstances. (Use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application). A conviction is not necessarily grounds for disqualification. The number of convictions, nature, recentness, and relevance to the board position applied for, will be evaluated and a determination will be made after a review of all relevant facts.

LEGISLATIVE CONFIRMATION: Certain boards and commissions require appointees to be affirmed by the legislature.

If required for the board or commission for which you are applying, are you willing to do so? ☒ YES ☐ NO

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Certain boards and commissions require full disclosure of personal financial data under AS 39.50.010.

If required for the board or commission for which you are applying, are you willing to do so? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Could you or any member of your family be affected financially by decisions to be made by the board or commission for which you have applied? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If "YES", explain (use a separate sheet of paper if needed):

The following questions are required unless a resume is attached. Use additional paper if necessary.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:

1. List any professional licenses (include number), certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:

NONE

2. List both formal and informal education and training experiences:

SEE RESUME - ATTACHED

3. List any community service, volunteer positions, awards received, and any elected position(s) held (such as president of a service organization or a mayor):

SEE RESUME - ATTACHED

4. List employment history:

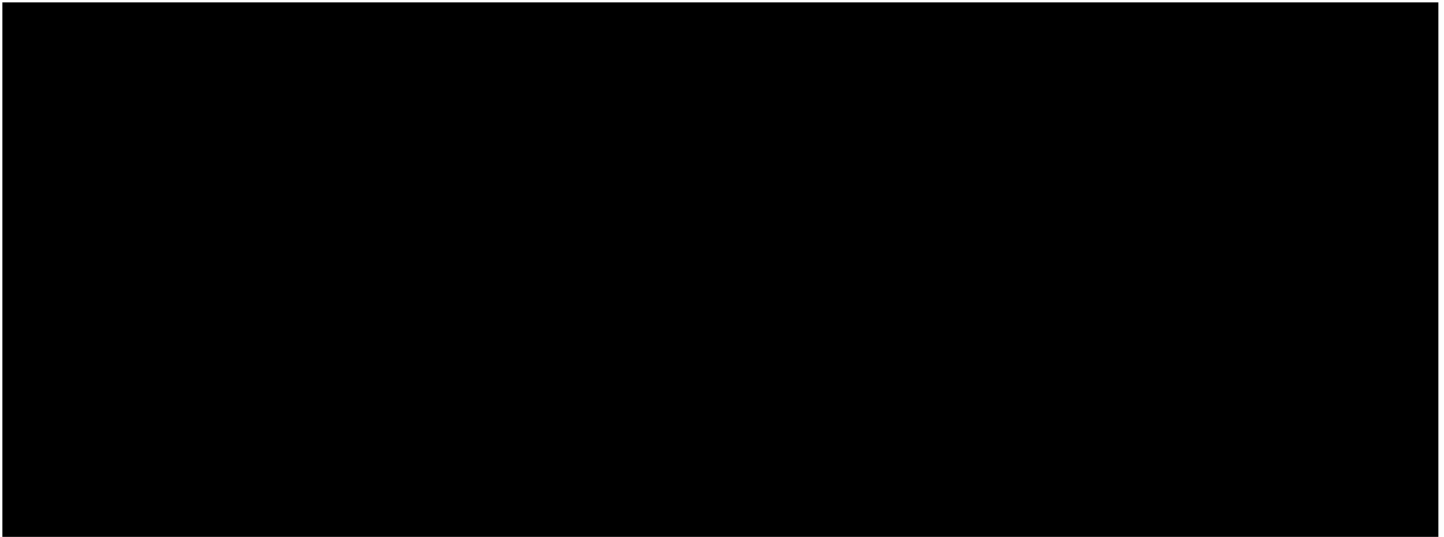
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5. List any other state boards or commissions on which you currently or previously have served:

PERANENT FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Indicate the top eight boards/commissions of interest by number with #1 as your preference.

2020 Census Commission	Historical Records	Permanent Fund
Accounting Board	Homeless Council	Personnel Board
Aerospace	Housing Finance Corporation	Pharmacy Board
Aging Commission	Human Rights Commission	Physical/Occupational Therapy
Agriculture & Conservation	Humanities Forum	Pioneer's Home Advisory
Alcohol/Drug Abuse Board	Independent Living Council	Police Standards Council
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board	Interstate Adult/Juvenile Offender	Postsecondary Education
Architects/Engineers/Surveyors	Industrial Development/Export	Professional Counselors
Assessment Review	Judicial Conduct	Professional Teaching Practices
Aviation Advisory	Judicial Council	Psychologist/Psychological
Bald Eagle Preserve	Juvenile Justice Advisory	Public Offices Commission
Bar Association	Labor Relations Agency	Railroad Corporation
Barbers & Hairdressers Board	Libraries Advisory	Roadless Rule Citizen
Bering Sea Fishery Advisory Board	Local Boundary Commission	Roads and Highways
Big Game Commercial Services	Maricultural Task Force	Real Estate Appraisers
Boating Safety Council	Marijuana Control Board	Real Estate Commission
Broadcasting Commission	Marine Pilots	Regulatory Commission
Chiropractic Examiners	Marine Transportation Board	Renewable Energy Fund
Clemency Advisory Committee	Marital & Family Therapy	Retirement Management Board
Commercial Fisheries Entry	Medical Board	Royalty Oil & Gas Development
Commercial Fishing/Agriculture Bank	Mental Health Board	Safety Advisory Council
Controlled Substances	Mental Health Trust Authority	Seafood Marketing Institute
Criminal Justice Information	Midwives	Seismic Hazards Safety
Criminal Justice Commission	Minerals Commission	Serve Alaska
Dental Examiners Board	Municipal Bond Bank	Social Work Examiners
Disabilities/Special Education	Native Language Preservation	State Officers Compensation
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault	Natural Resources Conservation	State Interoperability Board
Education & Early Development	North Pacific Anadromous Fish	Student Loan Corporation
Education Commission/States	North Pacific Fisheries Management	Subsistence Resource Commission
Edu. Opportunity Military Children	North Pacific Research Board	Suicide Prevention Council
Emergency Medical Services	Nursing	UA Board of Regents
Emergency Response Commission	Occupational Safety	Veterans Advisory Council
Emerging Energy Technology Fund	Oil & Gas Conservation Commission	Veterinary Examiners
Energy Authority	Oil & Gas Competitiveness Review	Violent Crimes Compensation
Fire Standards Council	Optometry Examiners	Vocational Rehabilitation
Fisheries	Pacific Marine Fisheries	Water and Wastewater Works
Fisherman's Fund	PSC - Commissioners	Western Interstate Comm/Higher Ed.
Forestry	PSC - Northern	Wood-Tikchik State Park
Game	PSC - Transboundary	Worker's Compensation
Gasline Development Corporation	PSC - Yukon River	Worker's Compensation Appeals
Historical Commission	Parole Board	Workforce Investment Board



CERTIFICATION: I swear the information I have entered on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I deliberately conceal or enter false information on the form my application may be rejected, I may be removed from the list of eligible candidates, or I may be removed from the position. I agree that the Office of the Governor may contact present or former employers or other persons who know me to obtain any additional information about my skills and abilities. I understand that the information on this application is public information and may be released through a legal request for such information.

Signature (in ink): Ralph C. Seckins Date: 11-24-2020

Please attach a current resume with your application.