

Confirmation:
Commissioner of
Dept. of H&SS
Margaret Lowe

3-14-94

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE CAPITOL, JUNEAU 99801
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March 14, 1994

The Honorable Ramona Barnes
Speaker of the House
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Madam Speaker,


In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following individual and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

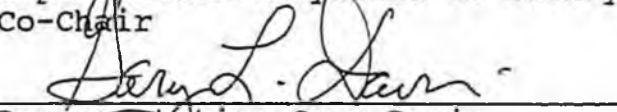
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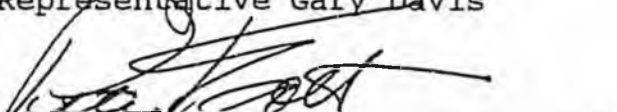
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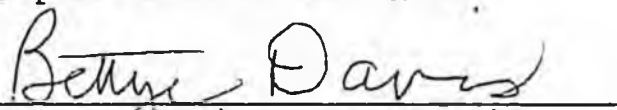
This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against this individual during any further sessions for the purposes of confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION


Representative Cynthia D. Toohey
Co-Chair



Representative Gary Davis

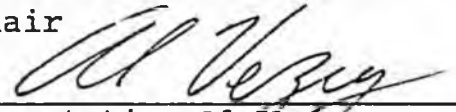

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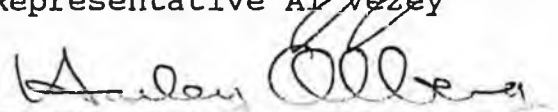

Representative Bettye Davis

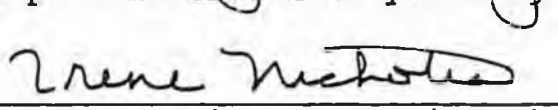
Representative Tom Brice

RECOMMENDATION


Representative Con Bunde
Co-Chair


Representative Al Vezey


Representative Harley Oldery


Representative Irene Nicholia

WALTER J. HICKEL
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STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

January 14, 1994

*The Honorable Ramona Barnes
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182*

Dear Speaker Barnes:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080 and Article III, Sections 25 and 26 of the Alaska Constitution, I submit the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted:

ATTORNEY GENERAL. DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Bruce M. Botelho

COMMISSIONER. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Margaret R. Lowe

COMMISSIONER. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Harry A. Noah

The resumes for these appointments have been submitted to the offices of the Senate Secretary and the House Clerk.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wally".

*Walter J. Hickel
Governor*

Enclosures

MARGARET R. LOWE

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EDUCATION

University of Alaska Anchorage, Education Specialist, 1974
University of Alaska Fairbanks, M.Ed. Ed., 1965
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, B.S. Ed., 1951
St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota
Roosevelt High School, Minneapolis, Minnesota

EMPLOYMENT

12/93 - Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
Present Commissioner-Designee, Juneau, Alaska

2/91 - Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
12/93 Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
Director, Juneau, Alaska

1986-91 University of Alaska Anchorage; Faculty Member
1974-86 University of Alaska Anchorage; Adjunct Instructor (part time)
1972-86 Anchorage School District; Principal and Special Education Administrator
1968-72 Anchorage School District; Special Education Teacher
1967-68 Office of the Governor, Anchorage; Office Manager, Assistant to Governor Hickel
1960-62 Northern Television, Fairbanks; TV producer/performer
1955-56 Lansing, Michigan North District; Elementary Teacher
1953-55 Anchorage School District; Elementary Teacher
1951-52 Northfield, Minnesota School District; Kindergarten Teacher

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Alaska Mental Health Lands Coalition, Board Member/Organizer, 1989-1991
Association for Retarded Citizens of Anchorage, President, 1987-90
Association for Retarded Citizens of Alaska, President, 1987-1991
"Key Campaign" Organizing Committee, 1986-1991
Very Special Arts Festival Board, 1976-Present

November 1990

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UPDATE: 1991 - Present

MEMBERSHIPS

National Association for Rural Mental Health, 6/93-Present

Special Education Services Agency, Board President, 6/93-Present

Governor's Council on Disabilities & Special Education, 6/93-Present

Member, Executive Committee; Chair, Education Committee

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Research Project, 7/91-Present

Colleagues in Alaska and Magadan, Russia assisting in research and organizing prevention of fetal alcohol syndrome in these regions by using comparative research between Russia and Alaska; objective is to reduce incidence of fetal alcohol syndrome in both countries.

AWARDS

Lifetime Achievement Award, Association for Retarded Children of Anchorage, 1992

Professional of the Year, Alaska State Alliance for the Mentally Ill, 1992

Service Award, Alaska State Special Olympics, 1993

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 12/93 Major accomplishments as Director of the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities:
- The Alaska Psychiatric Institute moved from virtually no data processing equipment to an almost complete, fully computerized management and data system for the hospital.
 - In conjunction with the Division of Medical Assistance, the conceptualization, processing, and implementation of Project CHOICE was achieved.
 - Alaska Youth Initiative increased services to appropriate target population, while substantially reducing cost per client without reduction in quality of service.
 - Increased integration of services provided by the Division of Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities with other Department divisions, as evidenced by the number of projects integrated that are now being implemented.
- 7/93 Certified in Total Quality Management (TQM) training
- 6/93 International Congress on Circumpolar Health, Reykjavik, Iceland; selected to make presentation
- 5/93 National Association for Retarded Children Congress, Baltimore, Maryland; represented State of Alaska as one of ten states to make presentation on work done regarding fetal alcohol syndrome in Alaska
- 10/92 National Association for Retarded Children Convention; made presentation on fetal alcohol syndrome

Qualifications Brief

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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

An educator since 1951, active in the field of special education, particularly the training of providers and parents, program evaluation and consultation, program administration, school administration, and classroom teaching, as well as a practitioner in the fields of early childhood and elementary education. Retired from the Anchorage, Alaska, School District in 1986 after 20 years of service which included initiating and administering most of the District's special education programs. Additionally, since 1975, have been an adjunct instructor in the School of Education, University of Alaska Anchorage, teaching several courses on exceptional children and, for the 1985-1986 school year, administering and teaching in the graduate program in counseling and guidance. Also an in-service teacher trainer as well as program evaluator and consultant in special education for several Alaska school districts and the State of Minnesota, and have been recognized professionally through various awards and appointment or election to the boards of directors of several education associations.

SPECIAL EDUCATION TRAINING OF PROVIDERS AND PARENTS

Interim Coordinator Graduate Program in Counseling and Guidance, 1986, and Adjunct Instructor, 1975-Present, University of Alaska Anchorage School of Education.

Workshop Presenter to Educators and Parents on teaching autistic and behavior-disordered children, Anchorage, Alaska, School District, 1974-1986.

School In-Service Trainer, Northern Institute, Anchorage, Alaska, for the Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska, School District, 1975-1979.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM EVALUATION AND CONSULTATION

Consultant, State of Minnesota Department of Education, 1985, 1986.

Consultant to various School Districts in Alaska: Fairbanks North Star Borough, 1974, 1978; Kenai Borough, 1976, 1977; Ketchikan-Gateway Borough, 1976; Mat-Su Borough, 1978; Nome, 1978; and Juneau City and Borough, 1972.

Consultant, Resource Access Project, Anchorage, Alaska, 1978, 1981.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Supervisor, Anchorage, Alaska, School District Blind and Visually-Impaired Program, 1976-1986.

School Principal, Anchorage, Alaska, School District Whaley Center for Learner Assistance, 1975-1982, 1984-1985.

School Administrator, Anchorage, Alaska, School District Alaska Native Medical Center School, 1975-1985.

School Principal, Anchorage, Alaska, School District Rigel Special Services Preschool, 1982-1984.

Special Education Elementary Program Administrator, Anchorage, Alaska, School District Denali Elementary School, 1972-1975.

CLASSROOM TEACHING

Special Education Elementary Teacher, Anchorage, Alaska, School District Denali Elementary School, 1969-1972.

Special Education Elementary Teacher, Fairbanks North Star Borough, Alaska, School District, 1964.

Televised Preschool and Kindergarten Teacher, Northern Television, Fairbanks, Alaska, 1960-1962.

Elementary School Teacher: Lansing, Michigan, School District, 1955-1956; Anchorage, Alaska, School District Alaska Native Medical Center School, 1954-1955; Anchorage, Alaska, School District Woodland Park Elementary School, 1953-1954; and Northfield, Minnesota, School District, 1951-1952.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE

Congregation President, Central Lutheran Church, Anchorage, Alaska, 1983.

Design Collaborator and Board Representative for construction of sheltered workshop, Association for Retarded Citizens, Anchorage, Alaska, 1975-1977.

Developer of Preschool Handicapped Curriculum Guide, State of Alaska Department of Education grantee, 1976.

Developer of Para-Professional Competency-Based Training Modules on the mentally-retarded, the learning-disabled, and the socially-maladjusted child, University of Alaska Anchorage School of Education, 1975.

Author of Federal Grant for Title VI-B funds to State of Alaska from U.S. Bureau of Education for the Handicapped and Consultant to State of Alaska for administration of the grant, 1975.

Author of Three-Year Grant in collaboration with the Northern Institute, Anchorage, Alaska, to train personnel for autistic, emotionally-disturbed and severe multi-handicapped populations, U.S. Bureau of Education for the Handicapped and State of Alaska Department of Education, 1975.

Author of State Plan for Mental Retardation, State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, 1969.

Administrative Assistant, State of Alaska Office of the Governor, Anchorage, Alaska, 1966-1967.

Oversight Responsibility for Preschool Implementation and Licensing by the State of Alaska for the Association for Retarded Citizens, Anchorage, Alaska, 1966.

Organizer and Founder of Preschool, Association for Retarded Citizens, Fairbanks, Alaska, 1963.

Consultant for Establishment of Laboratory Preschool Program, University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Education, 1962.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Alaska State Parents of Autistic Children's Service Award, 1986.

PADD (Protection and Advocacy for the Developmentally-Disabled) Distinguished Service Award, 1986.

National Speakers Bureau on the Handicapped Nominee, 1986.

Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington, President's Award, 1982.

Association for Retarded Citizens, Anchorage, Alaska, Outstanding Member of the Year Award, 1975.

Association for Retarded Citizens, Fairbanks, Alaska, Service Award, 1964.

FORMAL EDUCATION

Education Specialist: Public School Administration, University of Alaska Anchorage, 1974. Field Project: a curriculum-management system for developmentally-disabled students.

M.A. in Education, concentration in Special Education, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1965. Field Project: development of curriculum for preschool handicapped children.

B.S. in Education, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Institute of Child Welfare NSKP, 1951.

SELECTED CONTINUING EDUCATION

Administrative Training Program, 1976; Teacher Training Program, 1975; Judevine Center for Autistic Children, St. Louis, Missouri. The teacher training program was under a career-development leave grant from the Anchorage, Alaska, School District.

Education of the Developmentally Disabled Workshop, University of Washington, Seattle, 1976.

Title VI-B Workshop, State of Alaska representative, U.S. Bureau of Education for the Handicapped, Dallas, Texas, 1975.

Developmental Disabilities Workshop, University of Oregon, Eugene, 1975.

The Severely-Handicapped Workshop, Portland, Oregon, 1974.

Community Service for the Handicapped Workshop, Alaska Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, Los Angeles, California, 1966.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Council for Exceptional Children, Board of Governors 1984-1987.

Council for Exceptional Children, Anchorage, President 1971, Board of Directors 1972-1979, 1983.

National Association of State ESEA Advisory Councils, Alaska State representative 1979-1982, financial manager 1980-1982.

Alaska Department of Education Title III ESEA Advisory Council, member 1973-1974; Title IV ESEA Advisory Council, member 1974-1981, chair 1977-1981. Member and chair of the successor organization, the Alaska State Federal Block Grant Committee, 1981-1984.

Alaska Governor's Council on Mental Retardation, Governor's appointee and chair 1966-1971. Presided over transition of the Governor's Council into the Alaska Developmental Disabilities Council, 1971; member of the Developmental Disabilities Council 1971-1973.

Alaska Governor's Manpower Planning Council, Governor's appointee 1979-1981.

Alaska State Blind and Visually-Impaired Program Advisory Board, member 1978-1983.

Alaska State P.R.A.S.E. Advisory Board, member 1985-Present

Alaska Resource Access Project Advisory Board, member 1978-1986.

Association for Retarded Citizens, Alaska State, charter member 1967, member to present.

Association for Retarded Citizens, Anchorage, Alaska, member 1965-present.

Association for Retarded Citizens, Fairbanks, Alaska, charter member 1963.