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Tēnā koe John

Re: Official Information Request

Thank you for your request, received on 17 January 2022, for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *I would like to request a list of vacancy (ministerial appointment only, e.g. board member, Lay member, Trustee etc) that the nomination period has been closed but still under consideration by the Minister or Department. In your list, can you please included the date that vacancy been advertised and when the vacancy been closed as well.*
- *Also, I would like to know if you have any future opening in 2022. e.g. the position that will call for nomination in the year of 2022.*

Background

The Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) does not manage any boards. The TEC is governed by a Board of Commissioners, and the Minister of Education (the Minister) is responsible for appointing commissioners to the TEC's Board. The Ministry of Education provides advice to the Minister and manages the process of appointment of commissioners to the TEC's Board. Information about this process can be found on the Ministry of Education's website at: www.education.govt.nz/our-work/our-role-and-our-people/what-we-do/crown-appointments/

The TEC provides advice to the Minister on appointments he makes under the Education and Training Act 2020, to the governing councils of the universities, wānanga and Te Pūkenga. TEC also manages the process of appointment on behalf of the Minister. The Minister appoints nine of the 12 members of Te Pūkenga's council, four of the 12 members of each university council, and either three or four members to the councils of wānanga, depending on whether the council has nine or 12 members. The term of appointment is up to four years and each year some of those terms will expire.

The Minister also appoints some members to the governing boards of the Workforce Development Councils (WDCs): all 12 members of Muka Tangata – People, Food and Fibre WDC, and four members of Ringa Hora – Services WDC.

In all cases, the Minister must receive recommendations from each council before an appointment can be made. The Minister also takes account of names submitted by the nominating agencies and by parliamentary colleagues. The Minister will inform Cabinet of their appointment intentions before finalising any appointments.



2022 Appointments

At present, one vacancy exists on the council of Te Wānanga o Aotearoa following the resignation of Bella Takiari-Brame and the Minister is awaiting the council's recommendation.

Later this year, the Minister will consider three appointments that fall due, one each at the governing councils of the University of Auckland, the University of Otago, and Te Wānanga o Raukawa. All candidates are assessed against a framework for selection and the particular skills needs of a council at the time of the vacancy.

The TEC website provides information about the appointment process and the skills and experience sought. We encourage anyone interested in appointment to contact the Minister's Office or the TEC: <https://www.tec.govt.nz/teo/working-with-teos/tei/governance/become-a-council-member/>

This year the Minister will also consider appointments to the governing boards of two of the new Workforce Development Councils. The appointment process is set out in the legislation establishing each WDC. The Order in Council for Muka Tangata – People, Food and Fibre WDC is here: <https://legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2021/0102/13.0/whole.html> and the Order in Council for Ringa Hora – Services WDC is here: <https://legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2021/0103/15.0/LMS490641.html>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Nāku noa, nā



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Tertiary Education Commission