March 1, 2021

The Honorable David Ige
Governor, State of Hawai‘i
Executive Chambers
Hawai‘i State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

Dear Governor Ige:

On behalf of the Candidate Advisory Council (CAC) of the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents and in conformity with the provisions of Act 72, 2013 Session Laws of Hawai‘i, I am pleased to present the following candidates to you to fill the following seat for the term to begin July 1, 2021.

One (1) Hawai‘i County seat for a five-year appointment

1. Wayne S. Higaki
2. Peter S. Hoffmann
3. Eric S. Takamura

The CAC complied with the statutory requirements and assessed candidates in a confidential, fair, independent, and nonpartisan manner. All candidates, as required by law, were asked to disclose any existing or anticipated contracts or financial transactions with the University of Hawai‘i. Finally, with the assistance of licensed and accredited external firms, the CAC had background checks done on each candidate. Based on the applications and CVs submitted, interviews with candidates, contacts with references and the background checks, the CAC believes that these candidates are able and willing to discharge the responsibilities of a member of the Board of Regents.

Brief biographies drafted by the candidates are attached. Simultaneous with this presentation of candidates to you, the CAC, as required by law, is making the same information publicly available. The candidates have authorized the public release of their respective biographies to the media.
If you have any questions, please call 956-9083 or email at borapp@hawaii.edu.

Sincerely,

Brigitte Yoshino, Chair
Candidate Advisory Council

Attachments

c: Senator Ronald Kouchi, President, Hawai‘i State Senate
   Representative Scott Saiki, Speaker, Hawai‘i House of Representatives
   Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education
   Representative Gregg Takayama, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education
   and Technology
   Regent Benjamin Kudo, Chair, Board of Regents
   President David Lassner, University of Hawai‘i
   Members, Candidate Advisory Council