

**DATE:** September 15, 2021

**TO:** Della Young (LCCMR Co-Chair)

Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen (LCCMR Co-Chair)

Rep. Rick Hansen (LCCMR Co-Chair)

Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

**FROM:** LCCMR Trust Fund Citizen Selection Committee

**RE:** Follow Up Response on July 6, 2021 Questions

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On July 6, 2021, two LCCMR Citizen Selection Committee (“Committee”) members, Charlene Simonson and Nicole Kessler, presented to LCCMR. The brief presentation focused on the newly-formed committee purpose, which is built from Minn. Stat. § 116P.05, subd. 1a. The Committee serves to: 1. Identify Citizen Candidates for LCCMR; 2. Request and Review Citizen Candidate Applications, and; 3. Interview and Recommend Adequate Pool of Candidates for the Governor’s Office, Senate, and House of Representatives.

*LCCMR asked three questions that the Committee would like to follow up upon and clarify:*

1. Are appointment authorities required to follow Committee recommendations? a. No. Although all candidates that apply for a citizen position through the Minnesota Secretary of State’s website will be reviewed by the Committee, Minn. Stat. § 116P.05, subd. 1a does not require appointment authorities to follow Committee recommendations. The statute works to serve Minnesota’s natural resources more fully by ensuring that the voices participating in the grant making process are reflective of the state as a whole. The Committee does not have an authoritative role in decision making.
2. Is the Committee bound to Open Meeting Requirements?
  - a. No. The Committee is not bound to Open Meeting requirements. The Committee is made up of only citizen members and does not make final decisions on the selection of candidates.
3. Are the materials and minutes produced by the Committee available to the public? a. Yes. All materials, including minutes, recommendations, interview questions, and review process are currently available by request from the Governor’s Office. The Committee will be exploring the possibility of having data requests handled by Committee members.