



DATE: February 6, 2020

TO: Linn-Benton Community College

FM: Mr. Jim Merryman, Chair, Board of Education, Linn-Benton Community College and Chair, Presidential Search Committee

RE: Announcement of Presidential Finalists

The Linn-Benton Community College Board of Education is pleased to announce that we have selected three finalists for the presidency of Linn-Benton Community College. I would personally like to thank the entire College community for your continued interest and support in the process to identify Linn-Benton Community College's next president. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each member of the Presidential Search Committee for their exceptional work and effort.

The Linn-Benton Community College presidential finalists are (in alphabetical order):

Lisa Avery, Ph.D., is Campus President, Sylvania Campus, Portland Community College in Oregon. She previously served as Vice Provost for Strategic Partnerships at Community Colleges of Spokane in Washington and as a Professor at Eastern Washington University. Dr. Avery earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work and a Master of Social Work from the University of Illinois at Chicago in Illinois; and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Ball State University in Indiana.

David Hinds, Ph.D., is President of Victoria College in Texas. He previously served as Senior Vice President of Instructional Affairs at Allegany College of Maryland. David earned a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin in Educational Administration with an emphasis in Community College Leadership; a Master of Business Administration from the University of Houston; and attended Midland Community College for two years before completing a Bachelor of Science at Texas State University.

Reagan Romali, Ph.D., is Superintendent-President of Long Beach City College in California. She previously served as President of Harry S Truman College, City Colleges of Chicago in Illinois. Dr. Romali earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Education from Walden University in Minnesota; a Master of Business Administration from the University of San Diego in California; and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Each presidential finalist will participate in an open forum. **We invite and encourage everyone to attend the open forums.** All forums are open to all faculty, administrators, staff, students, and the general public. There will be a brief introduction of each candidate, followed by a

question and answer session. Feedback forms will be given to all who attend, and the completed forms will be collected at the end of each forum and given to the Board of Education for review. The forums will take place Feb. 18th, 19th, and 20th with one candidate visiting LBCC each day. Forums will take place each day as follows:

- **Albany Forum:** LBCC Main Campus, Tripp Theater, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- **Corvallis Forum:** LBCC Benton Center, Room 204, 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
- **Lebanon Forum:** LBCC Health Occupations Center, Room 150-151, 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

We are looking forward to a successful completion of the presidential search process. If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to our ACCT Search Consultants:

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