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Re: Gubernatorial Boards and Commissions Act Report

I. Introduction

Section 25 of the Gubernatorial Boards and Commissions Act¹ (the “Act”) requires the Office of the Governor to file a report with the General Assembly detailing the following information:

1. The demographic information (ethnicity, gender, and disability status) of each appointment made by the Governor between July 1 of the prior year through June 30 of the reporting year;
2. The aggregate demographic information for those persons who applied for an appointment with the Governor’s office, but were not appointed between July 1 of the prior year through June 30 of the reporting year; and
3. The demographic composition of the gubernatorial appointees on each board, commission, and task force as of June 30 of the reporting year.

II. Demographic Information of Each Appointment

From July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, our administration made 513 total appointments to boards, commissions, and task forces. The demographic breakdown of the appointments is as follows:

¹ 15 ILCS 50/25 (2016).

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Ethnicity	Number of FY 2016 Appointments	Percentage Out of All FY 2016 Appointments
Asian	15	2.92%
African American	52	10.12%
Hispanic	39	7.59%
Native American ²	1	0.19%
White	407	79.18%

Gender	Number of FY 2016 Appointments	Percentage Out of All of FY 2016 Appointments
Male	336	65.50%
Female	177	34.50%

Disability Status	Number of FY 2016 Appointments	Percentage Out of All FY 2016 Appointments
Yes	29	5.65%
No	484	94.35%

III. Aggregate Demographic Information of Applicants

Besides applications from the appointees described in Section II, our administration received 601 applications from individuals wishing to be considered for appointment to a State board, commission, or task force during FY 2016. In compliance with the Act, the application is available online and includes “a data field where an applicant shall disclose his or her ethnicity, gender, or disability status for reporting purposes.” We have compiled the demographic information from all applicants that have disclosed demographic information on their application during this time period. The demographic breakdown of applicants who were not appointed in FY 2016 is as follows:

² One individual reported as both African American and Native American. This individual is counted in both categories for purposes of this chart.

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Ethnicity	Number of FY 2016 Applicants	Percentage of FY 2016 Applicants
Asian	9	1.50%
African American	108	17.97%
Hispanic	38	6.32%
White	419	69.72%
No Response/Other	27	4.49%

Gender	Number of FY 2016 Applicants	Percentage of FY 2016 Applicants
Male	383	63.89%
Female	211	35.11%
No Response	6	1.00%

Disability Status	Number of FY 2016 Applicants	Percentage of FY 2016 Applicants
Yes	74	12.31%
No	520	86.69%
No Response	6	1.00%

Please note that this data relies on applicant self-reporting and may be limited by what information an applicant chooses to report.

IV. Demographic Composition of Gubernatorial Appointees

The State agencies that oversee each board, commission, and task force distributed a demographic survey to board, commission, and task force members. The results of that survey, combined with appointments data kept by the Office of the Governor, are as follows:

Ethnicity	Number of Appointees	Percentage Out of All Appointees
Asian	22	2.97%

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African American	73	9.85%
Hispanic	59	7.96%
Native American ³	2	0.27%
White	581	78.41%
No Response	4	0.54%

Gender	Number of Appointees	Percentage Out of All Appointees
Male	483	65.45%
Female	254	34.42%
No Response	1	0.14%

Disability Status	Number of Appointees	Percentage Out of All Appointees
Yes	42	5.69%
No	682	92.41%
No Response	14	1.90%

Again, please note that this data relies on applicant self-reporting and may be limited by what information an appointee chooses to report. Certain board, commission, and task force members did not respond to the survey. The Office of the Governor will continue to work with all boards, commissions, and task forces to collect demographic information for past appointees.

³ One individual reported as both African American and Native American; another reported as African American, Native American, and White. These individuals are counted in each reported category for purposes of this chart.