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**AGUILAR:** Good afternoon, and welcome to the Executive Board. My name is Senator Ray Aguilar, I represent the 35th Legislative District, and serve as chair of the, the Reference Committee. For the transcribers, we'll start off having committee members and committee staff do self-introductions, starting on my far right with Senator Clements.

**CLEMENTS:** Rob Clements, District 2.

**BALLARD:** Beau Ballard, District 21.

**BOSTAR:** Eliot Bostar, District 29.

**SLAMA:** Julie Slama, District 1.

**LOWE:** John Lowe, District 37 [INAUDIBLE].

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** Trevor Fitzgerald, committee legal counsel.

**ARCH:** John Arch, District 14.

**RIEPE:** Merv Riepe, District 12.

**JACOBSON:** Mike Jacobson, District 42.

**AGUILAR:** Also assisted by our committee clerk, Sally Schultz. Next, we have vacancies to fill, and we have a list of three names. We need to pick one to forward on for the Forecasting Advisory Board.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** And just so members [INAUDIBLE] recall, we actually appointed-- so, so that's a nine-member board the Leg-- the Executive Board appoints five of those members; the Governor appoints four. We appointed five positions a couple months ago for a term that starts in October, but one of those members who we-- they were all re-appointments; one of those members was re-appointed-- has resigned due to health issues, so we have one vacant position. And I would also just call out that the statute-- statutory requirement that each member of the Forecasting Board has to have demonstrated expertise in the field of tax policy, economics or economic forecasting.

**JACOBSON:** Mr. Chairman, I'd recommend Chad, (b); door number (b).

**LOWE:** Second.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** Any discussion? Otherwise we'll do ballots.

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**SLAMA:** I don't know. I don't think we can take this to a vote until Jacobson pronounces his last name.

**JACOBSON:** I'm not down to even attempt it.

**BOSTAR:** Looks like it's barker Mike.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** If there's no other discussion, we'll pass around ballots, and do it that way.

**BOSTAR:** So you said vote for the second one, right?

**JACOBSON:** I, I-- actually, he's third on the ballot. It's a, it's a trick ballot.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** I think, I think the agenda got made in the order that the nominations came to us, and then Sally put them in alphabetical order.

**JACOBSON:** Sally's just messing with us.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** We-- Sally and I just need to talk to each other, rather than--

**JACOBSON:** You want me to vote for Vargas, or [INAUDIBLE]--

**SLAMA:** This is the security of paper ballots, right here. We can, we can be confident in this election.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** We're minimizing the paperwork.

**AGUILAR:** So Julie, are you planning on having entertainment of all the Banking Committee meetings now?

**SLAMA:** I-- you know, I, I like to bring a little bit of levity, considering I'm such a--

**JACOBSON:** Downer?

**SLAMA:** --pain as some might describe me in other areas. This is a place of reason, and a little bit of levity can go a long way, I might even get you to laugh.

**BALLARD:** Secret ballots.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** We've elected Chad Meisgeier to the vacancy on the Forecasting--

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**JACOBSON:** Meisgeier! Meisgeier!

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** That-- I, I, I'm just guessing. If it's mispronounced--

**CLEMENTS:** That sounds about-- Meisgeier.

**SLAMA:** That's how you succeed in business without really trying, there, Mike.

**JACOBSON:** [INAUDIBLE] better just to punt.

**CLEMENTS:** Motion to go into executive--

**JACOBSON:** Mister.

**AGUILAR:** We have a motion?

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** Second.

**AGUILAR:** All in favor say aye.

**SLAMA:** Sweet. Aye.

**JACOBSON:** Aye.

**ARCH:** Aye.

**TREVOR FITZGERALD:** Thank you, members.