



**Date:** February 28, 2023

**To:** Chancellors, Superintendents, Presidents, and Accreditation Liaison Officers of ACCJC Member Institutions; Other Interested Parties

**From:** Mac Powell, President *MP*

**Subject:** ACCJC Spring 2023 Election – Nomination and Application Instructions

On behalf of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), the [ACCJC Nominating Committee](#) is seeking nominations and applications from individuals who wish to be considered for election as Commissioners to ACCJC. The ACCJC Nominating Committee is particularly seeking candidates who would advance ACCJC's [core values](#) and [commitment to social justice](#).

The spring 2023 vacancies are as follows:

Category 1 Commissioners

**Two Academic Members**

**One Chief Instructional Officer Member**

The incumbent for this position, Jennifer Vega La Serna, is eligible for a second three-year term and is seeking reelection.

**One Independent Institutions Member**

The incumbent for this position, Michael Zimmerman, is eligible for a second three-year term and is seeking reelection.

One additional nominee will be put forward by the Nominating Committee from Article III, Category 1 of the Bylaws to meet the threshold of nineteen members. That nominee will be

required to be from a member institution and will be selected based upon needed areas of expertise, experience, and member institution representation.

#### Category 2 Commissioners

##### **One California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) Nominee**

The incumbent for this position, Daisy Gonzales, is eligible for a second term, has been re-nominated by CCCCCO, and is seeking reelection.

##### **One Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC) Nominee**

PPEC has nominated Rosevonne Pato.

##### **One WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) Nominee**

WSCUC has nominated Ralph Hexter.

Terms of Service: Commissioners are elected for three-year terms and are limited to two (2) three-year terms unless elected as an officer for a term that extends beyond a sixth year.

Commission Composition: A [summary of the Commissioner categories, types, and special definitions](#) is available on the ACCJC website. Please review this document carefully before making a nomination.

#### **Nomination and Application Information:**

The process for nominating and electing Commissioners is described in the [ACCJC Bylaws \(Article 4\)](#). **Nominations** may be made in a letter that names the nominee, includes their contact information, and describes the rationale for the nomination. The nomination letter may serve as one of the nominee's required letters of recommendation (see below). **Nomination letters should be sent to Alexandra Spring at [communications@accjc.org](mailto:communications@accjc.org).**

Whether recommended by others or self-nominated, all nominees will be asked to complete an online application form (see below). Within that form, nominees will submit the following:

- a. A letter of application stating the basis for interest in service on the Commission
- b. A resume
- c. Two letters of recommendation

Before completing the online application, nominees will be asked to review Commissioner expectations described in the application, as well as the [Policy on Conflict of Interest for Commissioners, Evaluation Team Members, Consultants, Administrative Staff, and Other Commission Representatives](#), the [Policy on Professional and Ethical Responsibilities of Commission Members](#), and the [ACCJC Bylaws](#) for information about serving as a Commissioner. Nominees should note that if elected to the Commission, they may need to limit their roles with certain other organizations to avoid conflicts of interest.

**All nomination letters, Commissioner Application Forms, and supporting documents must be submitted no later than 3:00 p.m. (PDT) on Friday, March 31, 2023**, to receive consideration.

**[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE COMMISSIONER APPLICATION FORM](#)**

**Election Next Steps:**

The ACCJC Nominating Committee will meet in **April** to nominate a slate of candidates from among the applicants. After a slate is identified and announced to the field, member college CEOs will have the opportunity to nominate additional at-large candidates for the ballot. At-large candidates with at least 10 endorsements from CEOs and who meet all requirements of the ACCJC Bylaws will be added to the ballot in competition with the slate candidate(s) of the same position. Ballots will be emailed to each institutional CEO in **May** and election results will be announced at the Open Session of the June 2023 Commission meeting and posted to the ACCJC website. Elected Commissioners will begin their three-year term on **July 1, 2023**.

Please feel free to direct questions to me or to **Alexandra Spring, Communications Director**, at [communications@accjc.org](mailto:communications@accjc.org).

Thank you in advance for your interest and participation in this important process!