

Approval of the Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District Trustee

§ 10.1-623. Governing body of district; trustees.

The directors of the soil and water conservation district or districts in which the watershed improvement district is situated shall be the governing body of the watershed improvement district. They may appoint, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board, three trustees who shall be owners of land within the watershed improvement district. The trustees shall exercise the administrative duties and powers delegated to them by the directors of the soil and water conservation district or districts. The trustees shall hold office at the will of the directors of the soil and water conservation district or districts and the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board. The trustees shall designate a chairman and may change such designation. One of the trustees may be selected as treasurer and shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the funds of the watershed improvement district. When a watershed improvement district lies in more than one soil and water conservation district, the directors of all such districts shall act jointly as the governing body of the watershed improvement district.

Recommended Motion:

The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board approves the appointment of. Mr. James Simonson as Trustee for the Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District to replace Mr. George McLennan. This approval reflects actions taken by the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District.

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Working for Clean Streams and Protected Natural Resources in Fairfax County

November 28, 2023

Charles A. "Chuck" Arnason, Chair
Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board
859 Cellar Creek Road
Blackstone, VA 23824

VIA: Michael Fletcher, Board and Constituent Services Liaison

Dear Mr. Arnason:

At its monthly meeting on November 28, 2023, the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors accepted the resignation of George McLennan as a Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District (LBWID) Trustee, following a unanimous vote to appoint James Simonson as a Trustee for the Lake Barcroft WID for a five-year term.

Several years ago, the LBWID Trustees and the Lake Barcroft Association developed a collaborative process for bringing forward nominations for LBWID Trustees. This process is reflected in the WID's *Policy for Appointment of New WID Trustees*. On October 28, 2008, the NVSWCD Board of Directors accepted this Policy, which also establishes five-year terms, after which the trustee would be eligible for reappointment.

Upon notice of George McLennan's resignation, the LBWID initiated the process for nominating a new trustee. As a result, the LBWID nominated James Simonson. A copy of the letter of nomination from Alan Pisarski, LBWID Trustee, Mr. McLennan's resignation, and Mr. Simonson's resume are attached.

In accordance with Section 10.1-623 of the Code of Virginia, we are submitting for approval by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board, the appointment of James Simonson for a five-year term.

Should you have any questions, please contact Willie Woode at Willie.woode@Fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-1430.

Sincerely,

Gerald (Jerry) Peters, Chairman

cc: Alan Pisarski, Trustee, LBWID
Brenda Pierce, Trustee, LBWID
Davis Grant, General Manager, LBWID
Michael Fletcher, Board and Constituent Services Liaison, DCR
Debbie Cross, Conservation District Coordinator, DCR



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Alan Pisarski
WID Trustee Chairman

November 17, 2023

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Re: Nomination of James Simonson as LBWID Trustee

Mr. Woode,
Goerge McLennan announced his intended resignation from the Lake Barcroft Board of Trustees after 15 years of service (see attached resignation letter). Mr. McLennan's resignation will be effective on December 15th, as he is selling his home in the Lake Barcroft Community and will no longer reside in the Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District. It is imperative that we move forward rapidly with the requisite procedures so that LBWID will have the full complement of Trustees to address our future challenges as soon as possible.

As you may be aware, in 2003 (and updated in 2022) the Lake Barcroft Association (LBA) and the LBWID adopted an agreement that a Joint Nomination Committee (JNC) would be established when a LBWID Trustee vacancy occurs. The JNC is comprised of the two remaining LBWID trustees, and two members appointed by the LBA President. In the search for Mr. McLennan's replacement, the Joint JNC evaluated 3 candidates that had expressed their interest in becoming an LBWID Trustee, all of whom were very impressive. After careful deliberation the JNC unanimously selected James Simonson to be confirmed as the next LBWID trustee.

Mr. Simonson joins the WID at a crucial time where his skills, a master's degree in political science, Director of Operations, Budget, and Performance (DOJ Office of Victims and Crimes), will be of great value to WID, the Lake Barcroft Community and those in the entire Holmes Run watershed. For the last 3 years Mr. Simonson has served as a board member of the Lake Barcroft Association (LBA) and demonstrated

exemplary leadership over that time. With that said, we request that the NVS&WCD Board of Directors, at their November 28, 2023, Board Meeting, confirm Mr. Simonson for the position of LBWID Trustee. And if confirmed, we further request that you advance NVS&WCD's endorsement to the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board for their consideration and potential confirmation, at their December 2023 meeting. Attached you will find a detailed resume for Mr. Simonson.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Pisarski', with a stylized, cursive script.

Alan Pisarski
LBWID Trustee, Chairman

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Profile:

Strategic thinker with three decades of experience in all facets of agency management and operations, including leadership, financial management, communications, performance management, and quality control. Expertise in leading change management, leveraging people's strengths to improve processes, and building successful teams.

Selected Accomplishments:

- 1) Thirty years of developing, analyzing, and managing budgets on the Federal, State, County, and local levels, including 24 years at Office of Justice Programs (OJP). Supported Presidentially appointed officials, Members of State Senate and House of Representatives, Mayors, Chairs of County Commissions, and other elected officials in establishing funding levels for critical public services.
- 2) Managed the budgets of two Federal agencies for 18 years with a combined total appropriation of \$34.23 billion. This included a \$2 billion increase in the Bureau of Justice Assistance's Justice Assistance Grant Programs under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and a period of substantial increases in funding for the Office for Victims of Crime's appropriations from \$771 million in FY 2014 to \$4.5 billion in FY 2018.
- 3) Served as Acting Principal Deputy Director (SES) for the Office for Victims of Crime for two four-month details. Successfully managed the transition of a new Presidentially appointed Director and helped create a culture that values diversity, equity, and inclusion and having every voice heard.
- 4) Established a grantee reporting system for performance measures. New system increased use of data to demonstrate impact of funding and enabled the agency to make informed decisions on developing new programs to fill the gaps in the needs of victims. This led to increased Congressional appropriations from \$2.361 billion in fiscal year 2015 to \$4.436 billion in FY 2018.
- 5) Built strategic partnerships with local law enforcement agencies and state administering agencies to establish meaningful performance indicators for the Department of Justice's largest law enforcement funding stream.
- 6) Created the Office for Victims of Crime Tribal Financial Management Center to address the need for culturally appropriate financial management training. The center provides training, technical assistance, and resources to support American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities to strengthen their capacity to successfully manage the financial aspects of their Federal awards.
- 7) Oversaw \$35 million in contracts on behalf of the Department of Justice to secure services for information technology systems, training and technical assistance, strategic planning, and clerical and logistical support.

Experience:

United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.:

Operations, Budget, and Performance Management Division Director 06/2014 - Present **[Previous Titles include Director of Operations/Associate Director]**

Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

- ➡ Direct OVC's operations including budget formulation, budget execution, performance management, human resources, and administrative services. I formulate, justify, defend, and implement the agency's annual appropriations. During this time, OVC's budget has fluctuated between \$771 million and \$4.5 billion. Responsible for ensuring that the legislative authority for all OVC programs and Congressional intent are achieved.
- ➡ Lead process improvement for OVC. Regularly recommend and implement changes to improve agency's organizational structure, resource management, policies, and procedures to improve processes and efficiency.
- ➡ Serve as Contracting Officer's Representative for agency contracts including: (1) \$37.1 million Training and Technical Assistance Center; (2) \$20 million Tribal Financial Management Capabilities Training and Technical Assistance; (3) \$7.3 million Performance Management, Data Analysis and Training and Technical Assistance; (4) \$3.1 million Training and Technical Assistance for State Administrative Agencies in need of targeted technical assistance; (5) \$1.5 million Indian Nations Conference planning contract for an anticipated in-person and virtual conference with 1,700 participants; and (6) \$680,000 contract to provide administrative support and clerical support for day-to-day and long-range program planning for OVC.
- ➡ Manage human resources issues, including recruitment, hiring, performance appraisals, and disciplinary issues.
- ➡ Develop and implement strategic communications plans by overseeing the OVC Communications Team for parts of the past eight years.
- ➡ Oversee all Office of Inspector General and General Accountability Office audits.

Acting Principal Deputy Director (SES)

05/2021 – 01/2022

Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

- ➡ Successfully directed the transition of OVC's Presidentially appointed Director. Managed and facilitated over 30 briefings for the new Director ranging from operational issues to policy issues impacting OVC. Became the Director's trusted advisor on many issues such as staffing, organizational structure, management of workloads, development of communication strategies, and agency operations.
- ➡ Led implementation of VOCA Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act of 2021, to help strengthen the Crime Victims Fund (CVF) by developing and executing a communications strategy with our grantees and stakeholders; working with Office of General Counsel on Attorney General's delegation of authority to OJP to review and approve no cost extension requests; developing guidance to states clarifying that they must issue match waivers during the COVID national emergency and the following year; and demonstrating the need to recalculate the allocations to states for two formula grant

programs. This implementation strategy was accomplished within 60 days of its enactment.

- ➡ Oversaw the development of over 40 Program Plans for FY 2022 funding by managing development of the briefing papers for the Principal Deputy Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP); facilitating the decision-making process with the OVC Director and Executive Staff; and developing the presentation materials for three Program Planning meetings and the approval of 38 Program Plans.

Budget Director

08/2004 – 06/2014

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

- ➡ Directed BJA's annual \$1.3 billion budget. Responsible for all budget matters including formulating the agency's annual appropriations request for the President; executing the budget as appropriated by Congress; collecting and analyzing performance management data; conducting audit assessments; and strategic planning.
- ➡ Managed efforts regarding the Office for Management and Budget's Performance Assessment Rating Tool; Government Performance Results Modernization Act; and individual program performance measures. Identified key elements within and across programs and topics, and oversaw efforts to collect and analyze data to produce summary status reports, charts, and other documents that analyzed programs administered by BJA.
- ➡ Analyzed the need for and created a performance measurement data collection tool for BJA grant programs. Wrote the request for proposals, evaluated the bids, and implemented a contract with a private sector vendor that resulted in establishing this on-line data collection tool for over 9,000 active BJA grants. Served as the Contracting Officer's Representative for this \$6.1 million contract and a number of contracts related to strategic planning, staff training, and logistical support.
- ➡ Oversaw the audits of the Office of Inspector General and the Government Accountability Office. Reviewed and responded to all audit queries until the recommendations/findings were closed.
- ➡ Managed the formulation of BJA's strategic plan, including the planning process, stakeholder focus groups, employee focus groups, implementation, and data collection and analysis.

Senior Fiscal Manager

12/2003 – 08/2004

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

- ➡ Managed allocation of and tracking BJA funds, accounting, and maintaining control of agency obligations, including grants, payments, interagency agreements, and contracts. Coordinated with others to provide budget-related information for grant program rollout schedules, Government Performance and Results Act requirements, OJP Performance Plan and Performance Reports, and General Accounting Office and Office of Inspector General audit responses.
- ➡ Oversaw the development of procedures, formats, and tracking methodologies for key budget functions. Responsible for managing an account reconciliation plan for all 61 funding streams within BJA, and the tracking of over 200 Congressional earmarks under

BJA's programs. Served as the primary legislative analyst in BJA responsible for reviewing and coordinating BJA's comments on pending or proposed legislation, in coordination with OJP's Office of General Counsel.

Grant Program Specialist

02/2003 – 12/2003

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

➡ Responsible for programmatic and fiscal oversight, planning, developing, implementing, and assessing over 25 grant programs that addressed drug and general crime and prevention control; management of serious and violent offenders; and improvement in the policies, procedures, and information management systems used by criminal justice agencies at the State and local level. Awarded, administered, and monitored over 340 grants in the State of Missouri and 100 grants in South Dakota to comply with all applicable federal regulations. The grants included formula, discretionary, and Congressional earmark grant programs.

➡ Appointed by the OJP Assistant Attorney General to serve as a subject matter expert for the Program Evaluation Initiative Team that developed a streamlined system of assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of OJP's programs and initiatives. Appointed by the Director of BJA to serve (1) on the Program Manager Roles and Responsibilities Team; and (2) on the monitoring working group creating a set of new policies and procedures to monitor and evaluate grantees' compliance with Federal regulations and program guidelines.

Grant Program Specialist

08/2000 – 02/2003

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

➡ State and Tribal Assistance Division: Worked directly with eight states providing programmatic and fiscal oversight, planning, development, implementation, and assessment of OJJDP's formula grants, including the evaluation of the State's juvenile justice system for compliance with the core requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as Amended.

➡ Drafted proposed rules and request for public comment for the Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Block Grant.

➡ Special Emphasis Division: Served as a Program Manager for 70 grantees within the Drug-Free Communities Support Program. Recommended awards and administered and monitored grants to comply with applicable federal regulations. Provided support to the members of the Presidential-appointed Advisory Commission on Drug-Free Communities Support Program.

➡ Coordinated National Anti-Drug Youth Media Campaign efforts on behalf of OJJDP and the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President. Member of the Newspapers in Education Partnership Advisory Group and the Fulfillment Committee to the National Anti-Drug Youth Media Campaign.

Grant Monitoring Specialist**11/1998 – 08/2000***Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)*

- ➡ Conducted site visits and grant reviews of goals and objectives to State and local law enforcement agencies receiving COPS funding to evaluate and assess grantee compliance with federal regulations and grant requirements. Assured implementation of officer/deputy retention guidelines, administrative requirements, and quality of community policing. Designated as Lead Monitoring Specialist for a 14-state region in the absence of Regional Supervisor.

Miami-Dade County Commission, Office of the Chair, Miami, Florida:**Chief Legislative Analyst****01/1998 – 11/1998**

- ➡ Directed the Office of Legislative Analysis for the Miami-Dade County Commission that represents both municipal and countywide services. Provided oversight for the office including supervision and direction of four full-time analysts and student interns. Provided written independent legislative and policy analysis for the members of the Commission on aviation, budget, finance, public safety (including police and fire rescue) and public works issues. Carried out independent budget analysis for the County's \$4.2 billion operating budget, the Miami International Airport Capital Expansion Program, Homestead Air Force Base Redevelopment, the Mayor's Efficiency and Competition Commission, federal and state grants, and community-based organization's County grant allocations. Delivered extensive oral briefings on the Board of County Commission agendas to members of the Commission and their staff.

Legislative Analyst**11/1996 – 01/1998**

- ➡ Provided written non-partisan legislative analysis for the members of the County Commission on budget, finance, infrastructure, environment, and development issues. Analyzed issues, policy changes and implications, and economic impact. Advised the County Commissioners on the merits of all legislative and executive actions before them. Published an independent budget analysis for the County's \$4.2 billion operating budget, providing a summary of the more than 40 county departments, and developed analysis and ideas for reductions and streamlining the County's operating budget. Acquired expertise in County contracts and procurement procedures for the Public Works and Water and Sewer Departments. Delivered extensive oral briefings on the Board of County Commission agendas to members and Commission staff.

National Spinal Cord Injury Association (NSCIA), Cambridge, MA:**Director of Program Operations/Editor of *SCI Life*****11/1995 – 09/1996**

- ➡ Directed all aspects of budget development and oversight for the association, including expenditures and revenue projections, and managing the National Resource Center on Spinal Cord Injury (SCI). Provided oversight of programming for the agency, including

supervision of three full-time staff members, four part-time staff, and 15 volunteers. Supervised the dissemination of information to over 12,000 people annually. Responsible for the publication, full editing, and advertising sales for *SCI Life*, a national magazine with a circulation of 35,000. Directed the relocation of the National Office to the Washington, D.C. area.

Project Coordinator

02/1995 – 08/1995

➡ Managed and developed the Summer Teleconference Series for Consumers. Recruited sponsors for the series, participating specialists, and marketed the series to raise awareness and attract participants. Coordinated the 1995 National Convention, including the numerous speakers, and logistics. Developed the National Convention Journal.

NH House of Representatives, Office of House Minority Leader, Concord, NH:

Legislative Assistant

09/1989 – 01/1995

➡ Researched legislation and concepts for future legislation for members of the minority party. Followed House floor action and tracked various legislative committees including Appropriations, Ways and Means, Judiciary, Education, and Health and Human Services. Drafted legislation on taxes, appropriations, justice, education, environment and health. Responded to constituent requests. Coordinated the recruitment of over 175 candidates for New Hampshire State Representative. Directed all fundraising activities for the House Minority's Political Action Committee to finance State Representative elections, and the Minority Leader's Testimonial Accounts.

Education:

Masters of Arts

Political Science

Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts

June 1995

Bachelor of Science

Political Science

Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts

June 1989

Attended Institute of Public Administration, Dublin, Ireland – Fall 1988

Attended Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland – Spring 1989

Volunteer Service:

Lake Barcroft Homeowner Association, Falls Church, VA
Treasurer

2021 - Present

Scouting BSA, Troop 681, Falls Church, VA
Assistant Scoutmaster

2017 - Present

Sleepy Hollow Bath and Racquet Swim Club
President (2017-2019)
Director of Operations (2013-2017)

2013 - 2019

Saint James Catholic School Parent Teacher Organization
President (2014-2015)
Vice President (2013-2014) and Fundraising Chair (2012)

2012 - 2015

Publications:

Simonson, James M. “Drug-Free Communities Support Program Overview” Washington, D.C., NCJ# 187589, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), United States Department of Justice, April 2001

Simonson, James M. and Maher, Patricia “Drug Free Communities Support Program Promising Practices” Washington, D.C., NCJ# 187681, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), United States Department of Justice, June 2003

Professional Affiliations:

Member: American Society for Public Administration

Awards:

United States Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General
Collaboration Award – September 2020

References:

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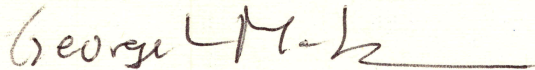
September 15, 2023

Alan Pisarski, Chairman LBWID
Brenda Pierce, Trustee LBWID
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My Fellow Trustees,

I will not seek another term as LBWID Trustee at the completion of my current term, which ends on November 30, 2023. This position, which I have held for 15 years, has been rewarding and at times challenging. I have enjoyed working with the LBWID staff, my fellow Trustees, and the Lake Barcroft community. It has been a true pleasure and a very rewarding experience that I will always treasure.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George McLennan", followed by a horizontal line.

George McLennan
LBWID Trustee