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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu and Honorable Executive Council State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301

## **REQUESTED ACTION**

To confirm, pursuant to RSA 21- G:29, III (c), the State Treasurer's nomination of Mr. Byron Champlin of Concord to the Executive Branch Ethics Committee ("the Committee"). Mr. Champlin will replace Mr. Gregory Silverman, who resigned from the Committee in December 2018 to serve as Legal Counsel to the State Senate. Mr. Champlin's term will be effective July 1, 2019, for a three-year period expiring June 30, 2022. He presently serves on the Concord City Council and is a 1999 alumnus of the Leadership New Hampshire program. Mr. Champlin's biographical summary is attached.

## EXPLANATION

RSA 21-G:29, III (c) authorizes the State Treasurer to nominate two members to the Committee, one of whom shall be a member of the Democratic party and one of whom shall be a member of the Republican party, subject to confirmation by the Governor and Executive Council.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Dwyer State Treasurer

CC: Mr. Byron Champlin

## Byron O. Champlin 154 Rumford Street Concord, NH 03301

Byron O. Champlin is a Concord, N.H., at large city councilor, elected in March 2019 to fill an unexpired term. He represented Ward 4 on city council from 2014 until his at large election. Champlin retired in 2018 after 27 years in marketing communications, community relations and corporate philanthropy for Lincoln Financial Group and its predecessor companies in New Hampshire.

Previously, Champlin served as director of public relations for Colby-Sawyer College in New London, N.H., as information officer for the N.H. House of Representatives, and as a reporter for the Manchester (N.H.) Union Leader.

In his capacity as a city councilor, Champlin is a member of the city's Planning Board, Community Development Advisory Committee, Fiscal Policy Advisory Committee and Ad Hoc Parking Committee, which he chairs. He previously chaired the city's Ad Hoc Street Tree Committee and served on the Economic Development Advisory Council, Upper Floor Development Committee, Main Street Committee and Transportation Policy Advisory Committee. He is the city council representative on Concord's Steering Committee on the Plan to End Homelessness.

Champlin is a member of the Executive Committee and State Government Relations Committee of the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, whose board he has chaired. He is co-chair of the Chamber's Creative Concord Committee, focusing on arts, culture and economic development, and was chairman of Concord's 2007-2008 Creative Economy Task Force, which spawned Creative Concord and issued the report "New Hampshire's Creative Capital."

Byron joined the boards of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance and Capitol Center for the Arts in 2018 as well as the board of CATCH Neighborhood Housing in 2019. He has previously served on the Capitol Center for the Arts board, which he also chaired. Since 2013 Byron has been a member of the New Hampshire Listens Advisory Council.

Byron joined the board of the New England Foundation for the Arts in 2008 and was the organization's secretary when he rotated off the board nine years later. He served as a director of Associated Grant Makers, a regional funders organization, from 2007 to 2015 and on the board of Leadership New Hampshire from 2012 to 2017.

Byron was appointed in 2005 by then N.H. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Broderick to the New Hampshire Citizens' Commission on the Courts, which presented its report for improving New Hampshire's court system in 2006. He was appointed in 2005 by then Gov. John Lynch and the N.H. Executive Council to a second term on the state's McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center Commission and helped launch the Discovery Center as a stand-alone nonprofit in 2012. Byron also sat for a number of years on the New Hampshire Council of Churches board. Byron has served as chairman of the board of Kids Voting New Hampshire and Arts 1000 (now Arts4NH). He was a founding board member of the New Hampshire Writers' Project. He has been a freelance writer, contributing to such publications as New Hampshire Profiles, where he was a contributing editor. He authored the chapter "Called to the Colors" in *Crosscurrents of Change: Concord, N.H., in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century*, published in 2011 and the monograph "Under a Foreign Flag: Concord Men in Foreign Service During the First World War" in the Fall 2017 issue of *Historical New Hampshire*.

Byron was named 2009 Business Leader of the Year by the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, received the Samuel Adams Excellence in Community Leadership Award from NAMI-NH in 2010 and the Above and Beyond Award from the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire in 2011. *Business NH* Magazine named him a state influencer in 2012 and he was named one of the N.H. Humanities Council's "40 Over 40" in 2015.

Byron is a native of Rhode Island, where he attended primary and secondary school. He graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a BA in English in 1972 and received his MS in Journalism from Boston University in 1980. Byron is a Fellow of the Leadership New Hampshire program, Class of 1999, and earned his Chartered Life Underwriter designation from the American College in 2003. He is a Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout.