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Senate of Pennsylvania

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DATE: December 5, 2011

TO: Senator Jeffrey Piccola
Chairman, Senate Education Committee

FROM: Senator Robert D. Robbins *RDR*
Majority Caucus Secretary

SUBJECT: Executive Nominations

The following nomination has been re-referred to the Senate Education Committee for the purpose of holding a public hearing:

Philadelphia School Reform Commission

Feather O'Conner Houstoun
Philadelphia

Copies of this nomination and accompanying paperwork were previously delivered to your office.

If you need further information or have any questions, please contact Dallas Stoy of my office at 787-1322.

RDR/dys
Enclosures



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HARRISBURG

THE GOVERNOR

MEMBER OF THE PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL REFORM COMMISSION

October 20, 2011

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Feather O'Conner Houstoun, 240 S. Hutchinson Street, Philadelphia 19107, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Philadelphia School Reform Commission, to serve until January 18, 2012, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Denise McGregor Armbrister, Philadelphia, resigned.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Corbett".

TOM CORBETT
Governor

Feather O'Connor Houstoun

240 S. Hutchinson St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Senior Advisor, Wyncote Foundation
Independent adviser on public media and journalism

William Penn Foundation, 2005 to 2011

President of regional foundation with grant-making budget of \$64 million annually. Grant making in areas of arts and culture, children and youth, and environment and communities, with a strong focus on Southeastern PA and Southern New Jersey.

Regional President, AmeriChoice, (subsidiary of United Health Group), 2004-2005

Executive oversight of Pennsylvania and Maryland Medicaid managed care plans covering 220,000 lives with total revenues of \$700 million.

Senior Visiting Scholar, University of Pennsylvania, 2003-2004

Research, publication and graduate level teaching on public management issues.

Secretary of Public Welfare, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1995 to 2003

Appointed by Governor Tom Ridge to head Cabinet Agency responsible for administration of \$15 billion in Federal and State programs for cash assistance, Medical Assistance, developmental disabilities, mental health and substance abuse, child welfare, home and community based services, long term care, and other programs.

**Chief Financial Officer, Southeastern PA Transportation Authority
1990-1995**

Financial executive for the five-county regional transportation agency serving the Philadelphia metropolitan area with commuter rail, trolley, subway and bus service. Responsible for long-range and annual service planning, budgeting, marketing, real estate, revenue collection and control, banking relationships, and long-term capital planning and finance.

Treasurer, State of New Jersey, 1986-90

Appointed by Governor Thomas H. Kean to serve as Chief financial officer of the State, with responsibility for preparation of State budget; oversight of debt issuance by State and independent authorities; investment of pension and other public funds; collection of taxes; administration of public pension and health benefit systems; development of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan; and centralized services including IT.

Executive Director, New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, 1982-86

Chief Executive of State housing finance agency with bonds and assets in excess of \$2.5 billion, representing 34,000 units of multi-family rental housing and 48,000 units of home purchase and home improvement

Department of Housing and Urban Development 1971- 1982

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, 1980-82, others positions from 1971 Washington, D.C. and field offices in SW U.S.

Education

BA, University of Arizona; MA, University of Texas
Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Lyndon B. Johnson Fellowship in Public Affairs

Board of Directors, Guidestar, 2009-
Advisory Board, Facing our Future 2010-2011 (Fiscal Prospects for New Jersey through 2015)
Member, College of Physicians of Philadelphia
Fellow, National Academy of Public Administration
Member, Millennial Housing Commission established by US Congress, 2000

Writing

Regular Columnist on Public Management for Governing.Com

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

01 LAST NAME H O U S T O U N FIRST NAME F E A T H E R MI O SUFFIX M S

02 ADDRESS 240 S. Hutchinson City Philadelphia State PA Zip Code 19107 Area Code (215) Phone 922 2632

NOTE: IF YOU ARE INCLUDING ATTACHMENTS, DO NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING THAT BEARS YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR FINANCIAL ACCOUNT NUMBERS.

03 STATUS Check applicable block or blocks, more than one block may be marked. (See instructions on page 2)

A Candidate (including write-in) C Public Official (Current) D Public Employee (Current) E Check this block if you are filing as a solicitor Check this block if you are amending an original filing

B Nominee C Public Official (Former) D Public Employee (Former)

04 PUBLIC POSITION OR PUBLIC OFFICE (administrator, member, Commissioner, job title, etc.) seeking hold held

A COMMISSIONER seeking hold held

B _____

05 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY in which you are/were an Official, Employee, Candidate or Nominee (e.g., dept, agency, authority, borough, board, commission, county, school district, twp, etc.)

A PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL REFORM
COMMISSION

06 OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION (This may be the same as block 4) consultant - self employed as of 9/11

07 YEAR The information in blocks 8 through 15 below represents financial interests for the PRIOR calendar year indicated: 2010

08 REAL ESTATE INTERESTS (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box.

09 CREDITORS (See instructions on page 2). Creditor (Name and Address) If NONE, check this box.

Name: _____ Address: _____ Interest Rate: _____

10 DIRECT OR INDIRECT SOURCES OF INCOME including (but not limited to) all employment. (See instructions on pg. 2) ONLY IF NONE, check this block.

Name: WM Penn Foundation Address: 100 N 18th St Philadelphia 19107

11 GIFTS (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box.

Source of Gift _____ Value of Gift _____

Address of Source of Gift _____ Circumstances (including description) of Gift _____

12 TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, HOSPITALITY (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box.

Source (Name and Address) _____ Value _____

13 OFFICE, DIRECTORSHIP OR EMPLOYMENT IN ANY BUSINESS (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box.

Business Entity (Name and Address) Guidestar 1730 PA Ave Washington DC 20006 Position Held Bd of Directors

Name: WM Penn FOUNDATION Address: 100 N 18th St Philadelphia PA President

14 FINANCIAL INTEREST IN ANY LEGAL ENTITY IN BUSINESS FOR PROFIT (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box.

Name and Address of Business _____ Interest Held _____

15 BUSINESS INTERESTS TRANSFERRED TO IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box.

Business (Name and Address) _____ Interest Held _____

Transferee (Name and Address) _____ Relationship _____ Date Transferred _____

The undersigned hereby affirms that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of said person's knowledge, information and belief; said affirmation being made subject to the penalties prescribed by 18 Pa.C.S. §4904 (unsworn falsification to authorities) and the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act, 65 Pa.C.S. §1109(b).

Signature Houston Enter Current Date 10/20/11

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SENATE NOMINATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Information on Nominee for appointment to:

Philadelphia School Reform Commission

Please type or print clearly

Today's Date 10/20/11

Section 207.1 (g) of The Administrative Code of 1929 requires the Governor to submit the following information concerning each Nominee for positions, that require advice and consent of the Senate of Pennsylvania

Full Name: Feather O'Connor Houstoun
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Voting Address (home): 240 S. Hutchinson St
Philadelphia PA 19107
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

~~215~~ 922 2622
(Area Code) (Telephone)

Business Address: Same as above
(if any)
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

(Area Code) (Telephone)

Employer Address: self-employed/consultant
(if any)
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

(Area Code) (Telephone)

(PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE)

* Please answer ALL questions- if none please indicate "none" or "n/a"

Public Office/Public Position held by Nominees during the past 10 years:

Secretary of Public Welfare, PA 1995-2003

Party Registration: GOP

Offices held in Political Parties during the past 10 years: None

Has Nominee been convicted of any violation of Law?

Yes

No

If Yes, please explain (if necessary, attach additional paper)

Date of Birth: 8-24-46

*** THIS FORM NEEDS TO BE A SWORN STATEMENT, PLEASE HAVE THIS FORM NOTARIZED***

Signature:
(nominee)

J. H. Heston

Taken, sworn and subscribed before me this 20th day of October A.D. 20 11.

(Seal)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
NOTARIAL SEAL
Nyzinga Patterson, Notary Public
City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
My commission expires July 23, 2015

Signature of Notary

[Signature]