

# Briefing Paper

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SUBJECT:	2022 Teaching Council Election Results
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## Recommendations

It is recommended that the Minister:

1. Notes that Teaching Council Elections were completed on Monday 28 February 2022 having been undertaken in accordance with the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand Election Rules 2018 (the Rules), previously made under section 486 of the Act.
2. Notes the successful candidates, who commence their three-year term of office on 01 July 2022.

## Purpose

1. The purpose of the paper is to provide you with confirmation of election results in accordance with S475(5)b of the Education and Training Act 2020 (the Act).

## Background

2. Teaching Council Elections were completed on Monday 28 February 2022 having been undertaken in accordance with the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand Election Rules 2018 (the Rules), previously made under section 486 of the Act.
3. Elections for each of the six elected members of the Teaching Council (Council) set out in S475(1)b (i)-(vi) were concluded on Monday 28 February 2022, being:
  - (i) 1 teacher representing the early childhood education sector, elected by teachers from that sector; and
  - (ii) 1 teacher representing the primary education sector, elected by teachers from that sector; and
  - (iii) 1 teacher representing the secondary education sector, elected by teachers from that sector; and
  - (iv) 1 teacher educator, elected by registered teachers working in the fields of initial and ongoing teacher education; and
  - (v) 1 principal representing the primary education sector, elected by principals from that sector; and
  - (vi) 1 principal representing the secondary education sector, elected by principals from that sector;
4. No election was held for the early childhood education service leader representative (S475(1)b(vii)) as only one valid nomination was received. As per Rule 21(1) the returning officer declared the nominee duly elected on 21 January 2022 and no election was held.

## Key dates

Notice of election issued	Monday 1 November 2021
Candidate nominations opened	Monday 1 November 2021
Candidate nominations closed	Thursday 30 December at 12 noon
Candidate list issued	Wednesday 26 January 2022
Electoral role closed	Friday 28 January 2022
Electronic voting opened	Tuesday 8 February 2022
Voting closed	Monday 28 February 2022

## Summary of nominations received

5. Nominations for candidates closed at midday on Thursday 30 December 2021 and a summary of the number of candidate applications received by sector is shown in the table below:

Sector	# nominations received
Early Childhood Education Teachers	3
Early Childhood Education Service Leaders	1 <sup>1</sup>
Primary Teachers	2
Primary Principals	2

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<sup>1</sup> Under the Teaching Council Election Rules 2018 If only 1 valid nomination is received in an election for an elected member, the returning officer must immediately declare that nominee duly elected and no election for that sector's representative may be held.

Secondary Teachers	8
Secondary Principals	4
Teacher Educators	4

6. Four additional nominations were received and were rejected by the returning officer due to: received after the closing date (1), invalid nominator or seconder (2), no nominator or seconder (1).

## Summary of results

7. The Returning Officer has declared the following candidates to be duly elected. \* denotes existing members who have been successfully re-elected.

Sector	Name	Location
ECE Teacher Representative	Lorraine Carr*	Manawatu
ECE Service Leaders Representative	Melody Stuckey	Havelock North
Primary Teachers Representative	Elg Anderson*	New Plymouth
Primary Principals Representative	Pat Newman*	Whangarei
Secondary Teachers Representative	Mike Connor	Whanganui
Secondary Principals Representative	Patrick Walsh*	Rotorua
Teacher Educator Representative	Fiona Ell	Auckland

8. The profiles of the successful candidates can be found on the Teaching Council website at <https://teachingcouncil.nz/news-advocacy/consultations/teaching-council-board-elections/2022-candidate-profiles/>.

## Voting summary

9. When voting closed at midday on Monday 28 February, a total of 10,867 votes had been received. This represents 7.99% of the 135,974 eligible voters<sup>2</sup>.

Sector	# Candidates	Total valid votes cast	% total votes cast for winning candidate	Margin to next highest polling candidate
ECE Teacher Representative	3	945	54%	126
ECE Service Leaders Representative	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Primary Teachers Representative	2	2,131	58%	319
Primary Principals Representative	2	583	51%	9
Secondary Teachers Representative	8	6,708	48%	1,209
Secondary Principals Representative	4	174	48%	12
Teacher Educator Representative	4	246	52%	59

<sup>2</sup> Where the Teaching Council held a valid email or postal address

## **Next steps**

10. The Teaching Council is planning an induction process for any new Council members in July and looks forward to receiving notification of the remaining six Ministerial appointments in due course. Please let us know if we can provide any further information to support this process.