

1st District State Senator interested in State Treasurer position

(KLZA)-- The Nebraska Examiner is reporting that First District State Senator Julie Slama of Dunbar, has confirmed she is interested in becoming State Treasurer.

Slama is a lawyer who currently chairs the Legislatures Banking, commerce and Insurance Committee.

State Treasurer John Murante confirmed last week that he intends to leave his elected office to lead the Nebraska Public Employee Retirement Systems.

Speculation about who might replace him as treasurer began within minutes of word that Gov. Jim Pillen would select the replacement for a post that often springboards the holder to higher office. The treasurer is the state- in-house banker and financial adviser.

Others that are said to be interested include: State Sen. Theresa Thibodeau of Omaha, a business owner who finished fourth in the 2022 GOP primary race for governor.

State Sen. Ben Hansen of Blair, a chiropractor who chairs the Legislature- Health and Human Services Committee.

Taylor Royal, Murante- GOP primary election opponent for treasurer in 2018 and an Omaha financial adviser.

Fremont Mayor Joey Spellerberg, a rising local official attributed with helping his city grow.

The next election for treasurer for whomever Pillen appoints is 2026.

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