

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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