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Tuskegee University down to two finalists for president

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Tuskegee University's Presidential Search Committee has narrowed the search for the school's eighth president down to two candidates.

Lily McNair, currently the provost and senior vice president of academic affairs at New York's Wagner College, and Jack Thomas, president of Western Illinois University, have been recommended to the school's board of trustees for final consideration.

The search began last October. The board is expected to vote on the recommendation May 4.

John E. Page, chairman of the search committee and the board of trustees, said the committee has sought "an inspiring leader who will advance our current five-year strategic plan while ensuring we remain a commanding, competitive and contemporary university in the decades to come."

McNair, a clinical psychologist by training, has a degree from Princeton and doctorate from State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Thomas has a degree from Alabama A&M, a master's from Virginia State University and a doctorate from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.