

Yahoo's current board versus Icahn's challengers

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Carl Icahn moved ahead with his attempt to overthrow Yahoo Inc.'s board of directors by submitting his final list of candidates Monday. The nominees remain the same as those he first provided in May, except the list has been whittled from 10 to nine candidates to reflect Yahoo's decision to reduce the size of its board. Here's a look at the incumbents and the Icahn-led opposition:

YAHOO'S CURRENT BOARD

_ Roy Bostock: A board member since May 2003, the former advertising executive was named chairman on Jan. 31, a few hours before Microsoft made its unsolicited takeover bid. He also is chairman of Northwest Airlines Corp., which last month agreed to be acquired by Delta Air Lines Inc. in a deal initially valued at \$3.6 billion.

_ Jerry Yang: After starting Yahoo in 1994 with David Filo, Yang has remained actively involved in the company as "Chief Yahoo." Facing pressure from shareholders unhappy with the company's performance, Yang replaced Terry Semel as CEO last June. He still owns a 3.9 percent stake in the company.

_ Eric Hippeau: A board member since 1996, Hippeau is a general partner with Softbank Capital Partners, one of Yahoo's early financial backers.

_ Arthur Kern: Also on the board since 1996, Kern founded a group of radio stations that are now part of Clear Channel Communications Inc.

_ Ron Burkle: A board member since 2001, Burkle is best known for running supermarkets through his investment firm, The Yucaipa Cos.

_ Vyomesh Joshi: An executive vice president for Hewlett-Packard Co., Joshi oversees HP's computer printing operations. He has been a Yahoo board member since 2005.

_ Robert Kotick: A board member since 2003, Kotick is CEO of video game maker Activision Inc., whose titles include "Guitar Hero."

_ Gary Wilson: A former chairman of Northwest Airlines, Wilson has been on the Yahoo board since 2001.

_ Maggie Wilderotter: A board member for the past 10 months, Wilderotter is CEO of telecommunications provider Citizen Communications Inc. She once was a senior vice president at Microsoft.

THE CHALLENGERS

_ Carl Icahn: An influential investor and billionaire with a long history of leveraging his fortune to challenge companies that he contends aren't acting in shareholders' best interests.

_ Mark Cuban: Best known as the owner of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks, which he bought after selling Broadcast.com to Yahoo in 1999 for \$8.1 billion in stock.

_ Adam Dell: A venture capitalist and the brother of Michael Dell, the founder of Dell Inc. His past investments include a stake in HotJobs, an employee recruitment service that Yahoo bought for \$439 million in 2002.

_ Frank Biondi Jr.: The former CEO of Viacom Inc., Biondi now serves on the boards of Amgen Inc., Cablevision Systems Corp., Hasbro Inc., The Bank of New York Mellon Corp. and Seagate Technology.

_ Lucian Bebchuk: A professor at Harvard Law School, where he is also the director of the program on corporate governance.

_ John Chapple: His investment firm focuses on telecommunications. He is former CEO of Nextel Partners, which was sold to Sprint in 2006.

_ Keith Meister: One of Icahn's business associates, currently serving as Icahn Enterprises' vice chairman. He was named to Motorola Inc.'s board last month as part of that company's agreement to avoid a proxy battle with Icahn.

_ Edward Meyer: Former CEO of the advertising agency Grey Global Group Inc.

_ Brian Posner: Former CEO of ClearBridge Advisors LLC, an asset management firm.