

ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 14, 2010

A special teleconference meeting of the Alaska Public Offices Commission came to order at 2:05 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2010. The teleconference meeting was held at the Anchorage APOC office on 2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Room 128, Anchorage, Alaska.

Brackets [] indicate an agenda item number and that an information packet is included in the meeting binders.

Asterisks * indicate that no information was included in the meeting binders.

In Attendance:

Commission:

Elizabeth Hickerson - Chair
Kathleen Frederick – Vice Chair (Telephonically)
Shirley Dean - Commissioner (Telephonically)
Kathleen (Kate) Ballenger - Commissioner (Telephonically)
Kathleen King – Commissioner (Telephonically)

Staff:

Holly R. Hill - Executive Director
Jerry Anderson – Assistant Director
Patricia Ware – Project Administrator, Juneau Office
(Telephonically)
Jason Brandeis – Associate Attorney II
Amy H. Robinson – Associate Attorney II
Vullnet Greva – Paralegal II
Joan Mize – Paralegal I, Juneau Office (Telephonically)
Heather Hebdon – Paralegal I
Kim Wilson – Associate Attorney I
Maria Bulfa/ Wynona Sampson - Recording Secretary

Attendees:

John Ptacin- Assistant Attorney General, Dept. of Law
Deborah Williams-Executive Director for Alaska Democratic Party

Attendees

Telephonic:

Ann Gifford- Attorney for Sitka School Board- Telephonically
Steve Bradshaw-Sitka School Board Superintendent -
Telephonically

ON RECORD 2:05 p.m.

Chair Hickerson called the meeting to order.

Advisory Opinion Request, AO 10-10-CD, Sitka School Board, Lon Garrison [1]

Mr. Brandeis presented the Advisory Opinion request from the Sitka School Board and staffs recommendation.

Ann Gifford, Attorney for Sitka School Board and Steve Bradshaw, Sitka School Board Superintendent appeared telephonically on behalf of Lon Garrison, President for Sitka School Board.

Commissioner Frederick recused herself from participating in voting due to her friendship with Mollie Kabler, Secretary for the Sitka School District.

Commissioner Ballenger moved to accept staffs recommendation.

Commissioner Dean seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Advisory Opinion Request, AO 10-09-CD, Facebook and Twitter Accounts, Representative Les Gara [2]

Amy Robinson presented the Advisory Opinion request from Representative Les Gara and staffs recommendation.

Commissioner Dean moved to accept staffs recommendation.

Commissioner King seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Advisory Opinion Request, AO 10-11-CD, Alaska Democratic Party, Deborah Williams [3]

Ms. Robinson presented the Advisory Opinion request from the Alaska Democratic Party and staffs recommendation.

Deborah Williams, Executive Director for Alaska Democratic Party, appeared in person and presented argument regarding staffs recommended advisory opinion request.

Assistant Attorney General John Ptacin participated and to answer any questions from the Commission.

OFF RECORD 3:40 p.m.

Deliberation

ON RECORD 4:15 p.m.

The Commission considered and discussed the issues involved and unanimously approved conclusions 1, 2, and 4 of the advisory opinion. The Commission disapproved conclusion 3, decided that the photographer's personal camera is not a non-monetary contribution and does not need to be reported. The Commission explained that because the photographer is not giving his camera to the campaign and is instead only using it to take pictures, it is not a contribution. On different facts, the Commission might find that personal possessions are a reportable non-monetary contribution. While the Commission approved conclusion 4, the Commission noted that on the facts presented, the fair market value of the images might be limited to the cost of the disc transferring the photos.

The Anchorage APOC Office experienced an electrical failure and was unable to record this meeting using its usual recording device. APOC Staff recorded the meeting using a small digital handheld recorder. Unfortunately, this resulted in only a partial recording of this meeting. The recording ends abruptly at approximately 3:25 p.m.

Adjourn.

The Commission recessed until Friday, June 18, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

OFF RECORD 4:25 p.m.