

ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

A regular meeting of the Alaska Public Offices Commission came to order at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2010. The 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
Shirley Dean – Commissioner
Kathleen (Kate) Ballenger – Commissioner
Kathleen King – Commissioner

Staff:

Holly R. Hill – Executive Director
Jerry Anderson – Assistant Director
Patricia Ware – Project Coordinator Juneau Office
Barbara Dreyer – Associate Attorney II
Amy H. Robinson – Associate Attorney II
Kim Wilson – Associate Attorney I
Vullnet Greva – Paralegal II
Joan Mize – Paralegal I
Heather Hebdon – Paralegal I
Maria Bulfa – Law Office Assistant II
Reuben Yerkes – Law Office Assistant I

Attendees:

John Ptacin – Assistant Attorney General, Dept. of Law
Rachel Petro – Deputy Commissioner, Department of Admin.
Judy Bockmon – Administrative Ethics Committee
Brenda Aiken – Resource Development Officer
Corey Borgeson – Attorney for City of North Pole 10-16-CD

Attending

Telephonically:

Douglas Isaacson – Respondent, 10-16-CD; Mayor of North Pole
Dianna Lindhag – Complainant Deputy Mayor pro-tem
Jason Crawford – Respondent’s Attorney
Steven Becke – System Programmer II, Dept. of Admin., ETS
Barb Johnson – Alaska Airlines public relations staff

Tammy Randolph – Complainant, 10-16-CD
Ronald Pierce – City of North Pole

MEETING AGENDA

ON RECORD 9:15 a.m

Chair Hickerson called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda [*]

Commissioner King made a motion to move the Myers-Briggs discussion into executive session due to issues pertaining to personnel.

Commissioner Dean seconded the motion.

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

The Commission approved the agenda as revised.

Approval of the Minutes [1]

Executive Branch Ethics [24]

Judy Bockmon appeared and presented on the topic of Executive Ethics Law to the Commission and staff.

The Commission went into executive session for a presentation on the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator assessments led by Brenda Aiken.

OFF RECORD 10:24 a.m.

Executive Session

ON RECORD 1:00 p.m.

The Commission came out of executive session following the Myers-Briggs presentation.

HEARING AGENDA [*]

The Alaska Public Offices Commission held a hearing on the request for expedited consideration in the matter entitled, **North Pole Community Coalition Effort to Recall**

North Pole City Mayor Douglas W. Isaacson v. Mayor Douglas W. Isaacson, 10-16-CD.

OFF RECORD 1:44 p.m.

Deliberation

ON RECORD 2:00 p.m.

Following deliberation, Chair Hickerson announced that a written order would be issued.

MEETING AGENDA

Insight, IRS Update and Demo [3]

Ms. Ware presented updates on the Insight and Interim Reporting System (IRS) related to “Candidate/Group Financial, Public Official Financial/Legislative Official Financial” disclosures posted online for public review.

Executive Director Report [2]

Ms. Hill presented on the budget. Ms. Ware gave a presentation on Juneau office operations. Ms. Robinson presented on the status of open complaints. Mr. Anderson presented the Biennial Report and Executive Director Report.

OFF RECORD 2:15 p.m.

Break

ON RECORD 2:20 p.m.

Request to Reduce or Waive Civil Penalty Assessments for late Lobbyist and Employer of Lobbyist Reports [4]

The following Lobbyist or Employers of Lobbyists was removed from the consent agenda:

The Commission approved that the following Lobbyist and Employer of Lobbyist be remove from the consent agenda for discussion.

RESPONDENT:	Alaska Airlines
STATUS:	Employer of Lobbyist, Retained by: Kim Hutchinson
LATE REPORT:	2010 1st Quarter Employer of Lobbyist Report filed 32 days late
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY:	\$320

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Reduce civil penalty by 50% under unique circumstances

Commissioner Frederick moved to reject the staff recommendation and to uphold the maximum penalty of \$320.

Commissioner Dean seconded the motion.

Following discussion, the Commission determined that the Alaska Airlines, 2010 1st Quarter Employer of Lobbyist report did not fit the criteria required for “unique circumstances” under the mitigation criteria as recommended by staff.

Commission voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

RESPONDENT: Chris Pallister

STATUS: Employer of Lobbyist, Retained by: Ashley Reed & Kristopher Knauss

LATE REPORT: 2010 1st Quarter Employer of Lobbyist Report filed 5 days late

MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY: \$50

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Reduce civil penalty by 50% due to inexperience filer

Commissioner Dean moved to accept staff’s recommendation and assessed \$25 civil penalty.

Commissioner Frederick seconded the motion.

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

The following Lobbyist or Employers of Lobbyists were included on the consent agenda:

- **City of Whittier** Employer of Lobbyist
- **PacRim Coal, LP** Employer of Lobbyist
- **Don Kubley** 2010 Lobbyist Registration
- **Fate Putman** Employer of Lobbyist

Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept the staff recommendation on civil penalties for those filers remaining on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Ballenger seconded the motion.

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

Lobbyist Manual Review [5]

Ms. Ware presented and summarized the revisions to the Lobbyist Manual of Instructions.

Commissioner Dean moved to accept staff's proposed changes and approved the Lobbyist Manual of Instructions as revised.

Commissioner King seconded the motion.

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

OFF RECORD 3:12 p.m.

Break

ON RECORD 3:16 p.m.

Audit Update [6]

Staff gave a quick oral report on audits pertaining to the following laws:

- **Campaign & Group Campaign Disclosure Reports**
- **Lobbyist and Employer of Lobbyists Reports**
- **Public & Legislative Official Financial Disclosure Statements**

Orders Referring Late filers to the Attorney General [7]

Mr. Anderson presented the Attorney General referrals.

Commissioner Ballenger moved to accept staff's recommendation and to refer the Woody Salmon case to the Attorney General's Office for collection.

Commissioner Dean seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 in favor of the motion

Commissioner Frederick moved to accept staffs recommendation and to refer the Donald Wright case to the Attorney General's Office for collection.

Commissioner Dean seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 in favor of the motion

OFF RECORD 4:12 p.m.

Break
ON RECORD 4:14 p.m.

Public Testimony [*]

The following individuals appeared telephonically during public comment. These individuals are opposed to posting Public Official Financial Disclosure (POFD) Statements on the APOC website.

- Kathy Wasserman – Municipal League, Executive Director
- Doug Wolliver – AK Court System, Administrative Attorney
- Vern Rupright – City of Wasilla, Mayor
- Lorie Sica – City of Juneau, Municipal Clerk
- Bob Farnell – Hoonah & Wrangler, City Manager
- Andy Hedden – City of Haines, Planning Commissioner
- Brenda Jones – City of Haines, School Board
- Bruce Bothello – City of Juneau, Mayor
- Gary Hutchinson – City of Fairbanks, 2010 Municipal Candidate
- Charles Huss – City of Kotzebue, Planning Commission
- Willard Donovan – City of Seward, Mayor

Mr. Jim Behlke appeared in person to make comments about the former group Alaskans for Truth and other comments regarding reporting rules for groups during election season.

OFF RECORD 5:00 p.m.

The Commission recessed until Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.