

ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMISSION HEARING
OCTOBER 29, 2012

A hearing of the Alaska Public Offices Commission came to order at 12:10 p.m., on Monday, October 29, 2012. The hearing was held at the Anchorage APOC office at 2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Room 128, Anchorage, Alaska.

In Attendance:

Commission: Elizabeth Hickerson - Chair
Kathleen King - Vice-Chair
Kenneth Kirk - Commissioner
Vance Sanders - Commissioner (Telephonically)
Carol Brenckle - Commissioner (Telephonically)

Staff: Paul Dauphinais - Executive Director
Jerry Anderson – Assistant Director
Joan Mize - Project Coordinator II Juneau Office (Telephonically)
Thomas Lucas - Associate Attorney II
Heather Hebdon- Associate Attorney II
Amanda McDonald - Paralegal I
Maria Bulfa - Law Office Assistant II
Ramona Nicori - Law Office Assistant I

Attendees: Assistant Attorney General, Dept. of Law

- John Ptacin
- William Milks (Telephonically)

12-14-CD, Bernadette Wilson v. Hollis S. French

- Bernadette Wilson - Complainant
- Senator Hollis French - Respondent
- Wiley Cason - Senator French's Campaign

12-15-CD, Bernadette Wilson v. Putting Alaskans First

- Bernadette Wilson - Complainant
- Matt Singer - Counsel for the Respondent, Jermain, Dunnagan & Owens P.C (Telephonically)

Public

- Austin McDaniel - Self
- Rachel Mcpherron - Self
- Randy Ruedrich - Self
- Kevin Clarkson - Brena, Bell, & Clarkson P.C.
- Joe McKinnon - Self

- Steve Strait - Strait Media
- Kay Brown - Alaska Democratic Party (Telephonically)
- Representative Pete Fellman - Self (Telephonically)

ON RECORD 12:10 p.m.

Chair Hickerson called the hearing to order.

Approval of Agenda [*]

The Commission approved the agenda as revised and proceeded to hear arguments for 12-14-CD, Bernadette Wilson v. Hollis S. French and 12-15-CD, Bernadette Wilson v. Putting Alaskans First Committee on an expedited basis.

HEARING

Bernadette Wilson v. Hollis French, 12-14-CD [1]

The complaint filed against Mr. Hollis S. French and Putting Alaskans First Committee alleged violations of the Alaska Public Offices Campaign Disclosure Law, AS 15.13.380 and 2AAC 50.888 alleging that the respondents' campaign improperly coordinated and authorized campaign fund for purchasing media advertising services as shown on the group's "Independent Expenditures" filing.

The following individuals were sworn in, presented their arguments, gave brief statements and answered questions from Commission members on the above complaint.

- Bernadette Wilson - Complainant
- Hollis French- Respondent

Bernadette Wilson v. Putting Alaskans First, 12-15-CD [2]

- Bernadette Wilson - Complainant
- Matt Singer - Counsel for the Respondent (Telephonically)

The Commission took the above matters under advisement.

OFF RECORD 1:05 p.m.

Deliberation

ON RECORD 1:45 p.m.

After the deliberation the Commission came back on the public record. The Commission denied the expedited consideration request on complaints 12-14-CD and 12-15-CD. Under AS 15.13.380 and 2 AAC 50.888 the Commission found insufficient evidence to support the expedited consideration request. The Commission remanded the complaints 12-14-CD and 12-15-CD to the executive director of APOC for investigation on a regular basis.

OFF RECORD 1:47 p.m.

Adjourn