

**ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Alaska Public Offices Commission came to order at 09:00 a.m. on September 14, 2007. The meeting was held at 2221 E. Northern Lights, Room 128, Anchorage, Alaska.

Brackets [] indicates an agenda item number and that an information packet will be included in the meeting binders.

Asterisk * indicates no information was included in the meeting binders.

In Attendance:

COMMISSION:

Roger E. Holl- Chair
Elizabeth J. Hickerson- Vice Chair
Larry Wood- Commissioner
Claire VanSciver Hall- Commissioner
Shirley Dean- Commissioner

STAFF:

Brooke-Miles- Executive Director
Christina Ellingson- Assistant Director
Kim Wilson- Candidate Administrator
Jeff Berliner- Investigator
Rebecca Schneider- Acting Secretary

Attendance:

Melissa Faulke
Ray Metcalfe
Mrs. Hardis,
Jan DeYoung Assistant Attorney General
Sean Cockerham Anchorage Daily News,

ON RECORD 09:00 A.M.

Chair Holl welcomed everyone to the second day of the regular meeting.

Investigation Report Metcalfe v. McGuire, 07-01-LFD [7]

Investigator Jeff Berliner presented the staff report and findings in this matter.

Commissioner Wood made the motion that the Commission refer the report back to Mr. Berliner for further investigation.

Commissioner Dean seconded the motion.

Commissioner Wood called the question.

The motion passed 5-0 in favor.

OFF RECORD 10:00 A.M.

BREAK

ON RECORD 10:15 A.M.

Litigation update [*]

Ms. DeYoung presented an update on litigation regarding Ben Stevens.

Commissioner Hickerson moved to go into executive session to discuss litigation.

Commissioner Wood seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0 in favor.

OFF RECORD 10:30 A.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON RECORD 10:45 A.M.

The next item for discussion was a personnel matter that was discussed on the record.

Lobbyist Ethics Training [*]

Melissa Fouse presented a report that was handed out to the Commission.

Commissioner Hickerson moved to appoint Commissioner Wood to serve as a liaison to staff in developing the required training under AS 24.45.030 (a)(6), with the emphasis on the prohibitions in the law.

Commissioner Wood seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0 in favor.

Commissioner Hickerson moved that the Commission direct staff to do advertising of the lobbyist ethics training.

Commissioner Dean seconded the motion

Commissioner Hickerson moved that staff and Commission members should support the expenditure of funds for public advertising of the lobbyist ethics training.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dean.

The motion passed 5-0 in favor.

Advisory Opinion Request AO-07-01-CD, Kristie Smithers, City of Wasilla [8]

Ms. Miles presented staff's advice.

Commissioner Wood seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0 in favor.

The Commission adopted the advisory opinion.

Regulation Planning [9]

Ms. Miles presented her report to the Commission.

Commissioner Hickerson moved that the Commission direct staff to issue public notice for public comment on the regulations that need to be changed. Included in her motion was the direction that staff is to work with the Department of Law.

Commissioner Wood seconded the motion

The motion passed 5-0 in favor.

Mitigation Criteria Overview [10]

Ms. Miles presented the report regarding mitigation criteria and its history.

The Commission directed staff to work with the Department of Law to bring the criteria into regulation format.

OFF RECORD 3:05 P.M.

BREAK

ON RECORD 3:15 P.M.

Executive Director's Report [*]

Ms. Miles presented a continuation of the discussion on the edits to the Public Official Financial Disclosure Form.

Commissioner Hickerson moved to adopt the edited Financial Disclosure Form as prepared by staff and that any new changes after today's meeting must come before the Commission at its December meeting.

Commissioner Dean seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0 in favor.

Ms. Miles gave an overview of the FY08 and FY09 budget.

Commissioner Dean moved that the Executive Director propose an increase in the FY09 budget for the purposes of hiring an auditor.

Commissioner Wood seconded the motion.

Commissioner Dean moved to withdraw her motion pending the increment request in FY09 budget.

Commissioner Wood withdrew his second.

Ms. Miles went over the items that the Commission should see at the December meeting.

- Fiscal note
- Discussion of Clean Elections Legislation and Costs
- Draft Fiscal note relating to above
- Overdue fine report
- Larry DeVilbiss Civil Penalty
- Other Financial Disclosure penalties
- Metcalfe v McGuire
- Budget increment proposal
- Recommendation from Department of Law regarding Financial Disclosure Form
- Legislation and regulation, Clean Elections
- Staff recommendations regarding legislative changes to law
- Demonstration of the Electronic filing System, its progress and what has been accomplished.
- Legislative Travel
- Delegation of Commission's authority to staff
- Setting up the December 10,11, and 12, meeting

Commissioner Hickerson moved to adjourn.

Commissioner Wood seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0 votes.

OFF RECORD 4:15 P.M.