

ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 2008

A special meeting of the Alaska Public Offices Commission came to order at 1:04 p.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2008. The meeting convened at 2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd. Rm. 128, Anchorage, Alaska.

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

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

**In Attendance:**

**COMMISSION:** Elizabeth Hickerson - Chair (via teleconference)  
Kathleen Frederick – Vice chair (via teleconference)  
Roger Holl – Commissioner (Absent)  
Shirley Dean – Commissioner (Absent)  
Kathleen (Kate) Ballenger – Commissioner (via teleconference)

**Staff:** Holly R. Hill – Executive Director  
Rebecca Schneider – Recording Secretary

**ON RECORD 1:04 p.m.**

Chair Hickerson called the meeting to order and the meeting commenced.

The meeting was called to:

- 1) Reconsider the previous decision to recommend legislation that would increase the honorarium paid to the Commissioners from \$50 to \$300.
- 2) Stipulation provided by Senator-elect Paskvan and staff proposing how he can disclose income from his law practice and not be in violation of Alaska Bar Association rules.
- 3) Oral request from complainant Frank Griswold in case 08-04-CD that Chair Hickerson not participate in the proceeding.

Chair asked if anything else needed to go before the Commission. No matters were brought up.

**PASKVAN:**

**Commissioner Ballenger made a motion to accept the proposal for Commission consideration of a partial exemption of requirements in AS 39.50.030(b)(1) as proposed in the joint reply of Senator-elect Joseph L. Paskvan and Staff.**

**Commissioner Frederick seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 3-0.**

**GRISWOLD:**

In case number 08-04-CD, Frank Griswold v. City of Homer, Mr. Griswold submitted an affidavit in which he stated that there could not be a fair and impartial hearing with the participation of Commissioner Hickerson because of her longstanding friendship with Ann Marie Holen, a City of Homer employee who co-authored the election brochure at issue. Chair Hickerson stated that she made that disclosure on the record at the time she realized that Ms. Holen had been involved. She has had no contact with Ms. Holen about this matter. Given Mr. Griswold's concern that Chair Hickerson may not be impartial, she voluntarily decided not to participate in this proceeding.

Vice Chair Frederick will preside over the Griswold hearing, 08-04-CD, to be heard at 1:00 p.m., January 22, 2009.

**HONORARIUM:**

**Commissioner Frederick then moved to go into executive session to discuss fiscal issues concerning the confidential information regarding the honorarium level.**

**Commissioner Ballenger seconded the motion.**

**OFF RECORD 1:25 p.m.**

**Executive Session**

**ON RECORD 2:06 p.m.**

**Commissioner Ballenger made a motion that staff work with the Department of Administration, to equalize the APOC honorarium to similar boards and commissions.**

**Commissioner Frederick seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 3-0.**

**Adjourned**

**OFF RECORD 2:08 p.m.**