

ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2010

A special meeting of the Alaska Public Offices Commission came to order at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2010. The meeting was held 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 (Telephonically)  
Kathleen Frederick – Vice Chair (Telephonically)  
Shirley Dean – Commissioner (Telephonically)  
Kathleen (Kate) Ballenger – Commissioner (Absent)  
Kathleen King – Commissioner (Telephonically)

**Staff:** Holly R. Hill – Executive Director  
Jerry Anderson – Assistant Director  
Patricia Ware – Project Administrator, Juneau Office  
Jason Brandeis – Associate Attorney II  
Amy H. Robinson – Associate Attorney II  
Vullnet Greva – Paralegal II  
Heather Hebdon – Paralegal I  
Wynona Sampson – Recording Secretary

**Attendees:** John Ptacin – Assistant Attorney General, Dept. of Law  
Faith Allard – Program Mgr III, DHSS  
Triptaa Surve – Public Health Specialist II, DHSS  
George Ives – Health and Social Services Planner II, DHSS  
Lindsay Hobson – Walker for Governor Campaign

**ON RECORD: 11:15 a.m.**

Chair Hickerson called the meeting to order.

**Advisory Opinion Request AO 10-05-CD, Alaska Rural Health Conference and Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (ARHC & DHSS)**

Ms. Robinson presented the advisory opinion request from ARHC and staff's proposed response that was included in the meeting packet.

John Ptacin appeared telephonically in support of staff and to answer any questions that the Commission might have regarding the opinion request and staff's proposed answer.

**OFF RECORD 11:46 a.m.**  
**Deliberation**  
**ON RECORD 12:20 p.m.**

The Commission deliberated on the **Advisory Opinion Request AO 10-05-CD, Alaska Rural Health Conference and Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (ARHC & DHSS)**

The Commission considered and rejected the staff's proposed advisory opinion by unanimous vote.

During the deliberation the Commission agreed that there is no need to render a decision under AS 15.13.145 as the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has limited the purchase of booths at the event to professionals within the health care field with decision-making authority. Instead, the Commission noticed this request to purchase a booth came from a gubernatorial candidate who does not meet the department's parameters for participation in this event.