

ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2010

A special teleconference meeting of the Alaska Public Offices Commission came to order at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 20, 2010. The teleconference 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 (Telephonically)
Shirley Dean – Commissioner Absent
Kathleen (Kate) Ballenger – Commissioner (Telephonically)
Kathleen King – Commissioner

Staff:

Holly R. Hill – Executive Director
Jerry Anderson – Assistant Director
Amy H. Robinson – Associate Attorney II
Barbara Dreyer – Associate Attorney II
Kim Wilson – Associate Attorney I
Vullnet Greva – Paralegal II
Heather Hebdon – Paralegal I
Wynona Sampson – Recording Secretary

Attendees:

John Ptacin – Assistant Attorney General, Dept. of Law

Telephonic Attendance:

Jason Rylander, AO 10-17-CD, Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund
Josh Applebee, AO 10-18-CD, Stop the Gag Law
Joel Brown, AO 10-18-CD, Stop the Gag Law
Tony Vita, AO 10-20-CD, Alaskans for Benson
John Tiemessen, AO 10-21-CD, Interior Alaska Conservative Coalition (IACC)

ON RECORD 10:30 a.m.

Chair Hickerson called the meeting to order.

Mr. Anderson introduced the new Associate Attorney II, Barbara Dreyer to the Commission. Chair Hickerson welcomed the new staff.

Advisory Opinion Request, AO 10-17-CD, Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund [1]

Mr. Greva presented the advisory opinion request from Jason Rylander and staffs recommendation.

Assistant Attorney General John Ptacin appeared in person to answer questions from the Commission regarding advisory opinion request.

Mr. Rylander participated telephonically and gave a short statement in support of his advisory opinion request.

Commissioner Ballenger moved to accept staff's recommendation.

Commissioner King seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Advisory Opinion Request, AO 10-18-CD, Stop the Gag Law [2]

Mr. Greva presented the advisory opinion request from Josh Applebee and staff's recommendation.

Assistant Attorney General John Ptacin appeared in person to answer questions from the Commission regarding the opinion request.

Mr. Applebee and Ms. Brown participated telephonically in support of staffs recommendation.

Commissioner King made a motion to adopt staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Ballenger seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Advisory Opinion Request, AO 10-19-CD, AK Travel Industry Association PAC [3]

Mr. Greva presented the advisory opinion request from Cheryl Fullerton and staff's proposed recommendation.

Assistant Attorney General John Ptacin appeared in person to answer any questions from the Commission regarding the opinion request.

Commissioner King moved to accept staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Ballenger seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Advisory Opinion Request, AO 10-20-CD, Alaskans for Benson [4]

Ms. Hebdon presented the advisory opinion request from Tony Vita and staffs recommendation.

Assistant Attorney General John Ptacin appeared in person to answer any questions from the Commission regarding the opinion request.

Mr. Vita participated telephonically in support of staffs recommendation.

Commissioner King moved to accept staffs recommendation.

Commissioner Frederick seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Advisory Opinion Request, AO 10-21-CD, Interior Alaska Conservative Coalition (IACC) [5]

Executive Director Hill presented the advisory opinion request from John Tiemessen and staffs recommendation.

Assistant Attorney General John Ptacin appeared in person to answer questions from the Commission regarding the opinion request and staffs recommendation.

Mr. Tiemessen participated telephonically and gave a short statement related to his advisory opinion request.

Commissioner Ballenger moved to accept staffs recommendation.

Commissioner Frederick seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Adjourn.

OFF RECORD 11:13 a.m.