

ALASKA STATE PERSONNEL BOARD MEETING

January 5, 2010

12:00 P.M.

Frontier Building

3601 C Street, Suite 880

Anchorage, Alaska

In person:

Debra English, Chairperson

Alfred Tamagni, Board Member

Nicki Neal, Secretary to the Personnel Board

Judy Bockmon, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Law

Jessica Srader, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Law

Kathryn Bockmon, Member of Public

Present by teleconference:

Laura Plenert, Board Member

Emy Abad, Division of Personnel & Labor Relations

Rick Morrison, Division of Personnel & Labor Relations

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson English called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and took a roll call of those present in person and via teleconference.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was moved and approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting held on September 9, 2009 were moved and approved.

4. ETHICS DISCLOSURE

Board members had no disclosures.

5. REVIEW OF QUARTERLY ETHICS REPORTS

Board members had no questions.

6. REVIEW OF ETHICS CASE LOG

Board members thanked Judy for the summary and noted that cases have been moving.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board moved to executive session at 12:15 p.m. Executive session concluded at 12:35 p.m.

8. REVIEW OF PROPOSED ETHICS REGULATION AMENDMENTS

AAG Judy Bockmon gave an overview of the proposed amendments to the ethics regulations (attached) and invited board members to ask any questions they had on specific regulations.

Board Member Tamagni asked for clarification of 9 AAC 52.060 regarding travel, specifically when travel can be considered a gift. AAG Bockmon said that the proposed amendment recognizes that a gift of travel from a private person to the state to facilitate travel for state employees on state business does not result in a gift to the employee if approved in advance by a supervising officer. The existing regulations address disclosure and review of gifts of travel made to an employee.

Board Member Tamagni also asked for clarification of 9 AAC 52.040 regarding the decision to treat ethics complaints that have more than one alleged violation as separate complaints. AAG Bockmon explained that this change was proposed to primarily deal with the coverage of costs and fees when someone has been exonerated on some of the allegations but not on others contained in the same complaint.

Chairperson English asked about the status of the proposed amendments and AAG Bockmon stated public comments will be accepted through January 20th 2010, and after that time any comments made would be evaluated.

9. UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL AND LABOR RELATIONS

Director Nicki Neal notified the board of the completion of the salary survey and availability of the report on the division's website. She also informed the board that the division is engaged in contract negotiations with 5 of the State's 11 bargaining units.

10. OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD

Board Member Tamagni made a motion to re-elect Board Member English as chairperson and pointed out that this should have occurred following her reappointment to the board. The motion was moved and approved.

Board Member Tamagni asked for clarification regarding the tracking of income of employees with outside employment. AAG Bockmon stated there is not currently a requirement to track income from outside employment and was not aware of a reason this would be necessary.

Board Member Tamagni also asked about the definition of "blind trust" which AAG Bockmon provided.

Board Member Tamagni also asked if there are any proposed statutory changes. AAG Bockmon said there were no proposed changes at this time.

The next Personnel Board Meeting was tentatively set for April. The board members thanked Board Member Plenert for her service as her appointment to the board expires in March.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 1:15 p.m.