

Minutes approved November 28, 2017

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS**

October 30, 2017

8:30 AM

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Committee Members Present:

Senator John Coghill (Teleconference)
Senator Dennis Egan (Teleconference)
Representative David Eastman (Teleconference)
Representative Chris Tuck
Conner Thomas, Chair
Dennis "Skip" Cook
Joyce Anderson
Lee Holmes

Others Present:

Dan Wayne, LAA Legal (Teleconference)
Jerry Anderson, Administrator
Janice Stewart, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Chair Conner Thomas.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The chair called for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Skip Cook. No objection. Agenda approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. August 16, 2017 Full Committee:

Motion by Lee Holmes. No objection. Minutes approved.

b. August 16, 2017 Senate Subcommittee:

Motion by Lee Holmes. No objection. Minutes approved.

c. August 16, 2017 House Subcommittee: Motion by Lee Holmes. No objection. Minutes approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

5. ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS/STAFF REPORT:

Jerry Anderson, Administrator, reminded members that the early registration deadline for the COGEL Conference is October 31, 2017.

6. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION under AS 24.60.160, Uniform Rule 22(b) regarding executive sessions, and Rules of Procedure Section 5: Executive Sessions.

A motion to go into executive session was made by Representative Chris Tuck. No Objection.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. PUBLIC SESSION

Chair Conner Thomas announced that several advisory opinions had been discussed in Executive Session. Committee Rules of Procedure require a vote in open session by members as to whether they concur or do not concur with the Advisory Opinions as amended in executive session.

AO 17-02: Advises whether a legislator or a caucus may use legislative office funds or pooled office funds for social media ads.

Concur:

Lee Holmes
Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Chris Tuck
Skip Cook
Conner Thomas
Joyce Anderson

Do Not Concur: Rep. David Eastman

Abstain: Senator John Coghill

AO 17-03: Advises whether a legislator may purchase social media ads to target Alaskans outside the district of the legislator or purchase social media ads as part of a caucus for the same purpose.

Concur:

Lee Holmes
Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Chris Tuck
Skip Cook
Conner Thomas
Joyce Anderson

Do Not Concur: Rep. David Eastman

Abstain: Senator John Coghill

AO 17-04: Advises whether a legislator may use office allowance account funds to sponsor or underwrite a radio program through paid advertising.

Concur:

Lee Holmes
Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Chris Tuck
Skip Cook
Conner Thomas
Joyce Anderson

Do Not Concur: Rep. David Eastman

Abstain: Senator John Coghill

Chair Thomas thanked the committee for their thoughtful consideration of each Advisory Opinion.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding the next meeting. An advisory opinion request had been received by the Administrator, and the requestor did not waive the 60-day response requirement. It was decided the committee would meet by teleconference on November 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Anchorage LIO. The January meeting will be held on January 12, 2018, in Juneau, time and location to be determined.

10. ADJOURN:

Representative Eastman moved that the meeting be adjourned. No objection. Meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm.

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