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

MAY 27, 2020

10:00 AM

Senate Subcommittee Meeting

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CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Joyce Anderson called the meeting to order on May 27, 2020, at 10:04 a.m. and asked Jerry Anderson to take roll.

Jerry Anderson conducted roll call.

Roll call

Senator David Wilson (telephonic)

Senator Tom Begich (telephonic)

Skip Cook (telephonic)

Conner Thomas (telephonic)

Joyce Anderson

Deb Fancher (telephonic)

Lee Holmes (telephonic)

Quorum present.

Others present

Jerry Anderson, Administrator (telephonic)

Jacqui Yeagle, Administrative Assistant

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Joyce Anderson asked if there were changes or additions to the agenda. There were no changes.

Senator Tom Begich moved to approve the agenda.

Joyce Anderson asked if there were objections. There were no objections.

The agenda was approved.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Joyce Anderson noted that there were a couple of others online in addition to committee members. Joyce Anderson asked if either wished to speak.

Representative Louise Stutes said she was a committee member but she had not heard her name during roll call.

Joyce Anderson responded that the meeting was a Senate Subcommittee meeting and as such required only the attendance of the senate and public members.

Representative Louise Stutes expressed understanding of and appreciation for the explanation and apologized for the intrusion. Joyce Anderson assured Representative Louise Stutes that it was fine.

Joyce Anderson recognized Senator Peter Micciche and inquired if he wished to address the subcommittee.

Senator Peter Micciche responded that he planned only to listen to the meeting.

Senator David Wilson asked to be recognized. Joyce Anderson consented.

Senator David Wilson stated that he and other subcommittee members were listed on the complaint and wanted to know if the other members had concerns that he had a conflict.

Joyce Anderson asked Senator David Wilson to raise his concern during the executive session.

Senator David Wilson conveyed his agreement to Joyce Anderson's request.

Joyce Anderson addressed Senator Peter Micciche, informing him that the subcommittee would be moving to executive session, during which time only subcommittee members are allowed to listen.

Senator Peter Micciche responded he had thought senate members could listen, and acquiesced.

Senator Tom Begich asked to be recognized. Joyce Anderson consented.

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Senator Tom Begich said he was under the impression that members of the senate were allowed to attend executive session. Senator Begich asked if Jerry Anderson could comment about the question.

Joyce Anderson directed Jerry Anderson to respond to Senator Tom Begich's question.

Jerry Anderson responded that prior to the issuance of a probable cause determination the Ethics Committee Rules of Procedure limits attendance in executive session to committee members.

Joyce Anderson added that the limitations with regard to executive sessions are covered in the Rules of Procedure Section 5 Executive Sessions. Joyce Anderson further added that the meeting had been called under AS 24.60.170, Complaints. Advisory opinions requests do allow exceptions.

Senator Tom Begich thanked Joyce Anderson for the clarification.

Joyce Anderson closed public comment.

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3. Motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION *to discuss matters which by law must remain confidential under AS 24.60.160, Uniform Rule 22(b) regarding executive sessions, and Rules of Procedure Section 5: Executive Sessions and discussion of matters, the immediate knowledge of would adversely affect the finances of a governmental unit, and discussion of subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of a person.*

Joyce Anderson read from the Rules of Procedure Section 5 Executive Sessions: Attendance at executive sessions will be limited to members of the committee, legal counsel, and essential Ethics personnel as determined by the committee. In addition, Joyce Anderson read: In cases of discussion, investigation, data gathering, interviews, deliberations or decision making on complaints prior to probable cause determination, neither the subject of the complaint, nor any other legislator not on the appropriate subcommittee, shall be allowed in the executive session.

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Joyce Anderson then entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters which by law must remain confidential under AS 24.60.160, Uniform Rule 22(b) regarding executive sessions, and Rules of Procedure Section 5.

Skip Cook so moved.

Joyce Anderson asked for objections. There were no objections.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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5. PUBLIC SESSION

Joyce Anderson called the public segment of the meeting back to order at 11:22 a.m.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Joyce Anderson asked if there were other business. There was no other business.

7. ADJOURN

Joyce Anderson entertained a motion to adjourn.

Senator Tom Begich moved to adjourn.

Joyce Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:26 p.m.

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