

# Alaska State Legislature

## Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

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### MINUTES from September 25, 2014 EXECUTIVE SESSION Ethics Office, 425 G Street, Suite 711, Anchorage, AK

#### FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

1. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:** Chair Gary J. Turner called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. Members present in person: Senator Berta Gardner, Senator Cathy Giessel, Representative Andy Josephson, Dennis “Skip” Cook, H. Conner Thomas, and Herman G. Walker, Jr., Members present via teleconference: Chair Gary J. Turner, Janie Leask and Representative Charisse Millett. Staff present: Joyce Anderson, Administrator.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Member Cook made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Item added: Contractor Subcommittee update by Senator Gardner. No objection.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
4. **CONTRACTOR SUBCOMMITTEE:** Senator Gardner reported her office has requested NCSL to conduct research to see what is in place in other states regarding contractors and consultants and ethics compliance. She will have a report for the October 28<sup>th</sup> committee meeting.
5. **CONTRACT – Outside Legal Counsel with Brent Cole** – Ms. Anderson reported that Brent Cole has been on contract with the committee since 2001. He has agreed to another one year contract for FY 15. His rates will remain the same at \$175 per hour for attorney services and \$75 per hour for legal assistant services. The contract remains at an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Member Leask made a motion to approve a FY 15 legal services contract with Brent Cole to provide legal advice to the Ethics Committee for a rate of \$175 per hour for services of attorneys Brent Cole and Patrick Bergt and a rate of \$75 per

hour for work performed by legal assistants [for an amount not exceed \$10,000]. Roll call vote taken: YEAS – Senator Giessel, Senator Gardner, Representative Josephson, Representative Millett, Members Cook, Leask, Thomas, Walker, and Chair Turner.

6. **Motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Representative Millett made a motion at 10:23 a.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss matters which by law could prejudice the reputation and character of a person and must remain confidential. No objection. The room was secured.
7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Member Leask made a motion to go back into Public Session at 11:35 a.m. No objection.
8. **PUBLIC SESSION:** Senator Giessel made a motion stating the Ethics Committee will consider the experience and qualifications of the successful candidate for the Administrator position when determining the appropriate Range and Step for salary purposes. The position was noticed as a Range 20 to 22. Roll call vote taken: YEAS – Senator Giessel, Senator Gardner, Representative Josephson, Representative Millett, Members Cook, Leask, Thomas, Walker, and Chair Turner. Motion passed.
9. **ADJOURN:** Member Leask made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m. No objection.