



## ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

### Alaska Redistricting Board Meeting January 8, 2021 | 1:30 p.m.

The Alaska Redistricting Board virtually met on January 8, 2021. Present participants are below:

John Binkley  
Melanie Bahnke  
Bethany Marcum  
Budd Simpson  
Nicole Borromeo  
Peter Torkelson  
TJ Presley

Chair of the Board  
Board Member  
Board Member  
Board Member  
Board Member  
Executive Director  
Deputy Director

#### **Agenda**

- Call to Order
- Establish a Quorum
- Adoption of Agenda
- Discussion: Request for Information for Legal Services
  - Timeline for RFI Closing
  - Routing of RFI Related Inquiries
- Adoption of Request for Information for Legal Services
- Adjournment

#### **Call to Order**

Mr. Binkley called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. With all board members present, a quorum was established.

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

Ms. Borromeo moved to adopt the agenda as written. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Discussion: Request for Information (RFI) for Legal Services**

Mr. Torkelson noted that submissions for the RFI are due on January 29 and asked board members for their feedback on the deadline. Board members agreed that the submission deadline was adequate in providing respondents with sufficient time to submit a response.

Based on feedback from board members, it was decided that Mr. Torkelson will serve as the single point of contact for general inquiries regarding the RFI. Other inquiries will be brought to the board's



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attention to address.

### **Adoption of Request for Information (RFI) for Legal Services**

Ms. Marcum moved to adopt the request for information for legal services as presented. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion.

The board discussed the need to consider the participation a respondent has had in other litigation matters involving redistricting, ensuring that a respondent is not litigating for more than one party, and evaluating a firms' ability to be objective.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Procurement Code**

Ms. Borromeo moved to amend the agenda to add the approval of the procurement code as presented by staff. Ms. Bahnke seconded the motion.

Mr. Simpson noted that the changes made by staff to the code were ministerial. The draft was provided several days in advance of the current board meeting date allowing board members ample time to review and provide feedback on the code.

To add context to the discussion, Mr. Binkley noted that the board had two options for codes: the general state procurement code and the legislative procurement code. Because the board was funded through the legislative branch, it was appropriate to adopt the legislative procurement code, which refers to the legislature on actions. Due to this, the code was modified to change the areas in that code referring to the legislature to refer to the board instead and redefines interested parties to individuals who have responded with a bid or an offer.

The revised code document is posted to the public documents section of this meeting on the Alaska Redistricting Board website.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Bahnke moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Borromeo seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.