



ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

Alaska Redistricting Board Meeting March 2, 2021 | 3:00 p.m.

The Alaska Redistricting Board virtually met on March 2, 2021. Present participants are below:

John Binkley	Chair of the Board
Melanie Bahnke	Board Member
Bethany Marcum	Board Member
Budd Simpson	Board Member
Nicole Borromeo	Board Member
Peter Torkelson	Executive Director
TJ Presley	Deputy Director

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Establish a Quorum
- Adoption of Agenda
- Executive Session: Interview with Legal Services RFI Respondents
- Adjournment

Call to Order

Mr. Binkley called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. With all board members present, a quorum was established.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Simpson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Bahnke seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session: Interview with Legal Services RFI Respondents

Mr. Torkelson stated that staff has consulted with the Legislative Council on whether an executive session would be the appropriate forum to discuss request for information (RFI) responses. The legislative attorney provided informal advice and referred to the following:

- Section 195 of the board's procurement code states that until a selection has been made, proposals are to be opened in a confidential manner. Thus, discussion of the proposal is permissible under the Open Meetings Act referenced in Alaska Statute AS 44.62.310 (c)(4) which states that an executive session may be used for matters involving consideration of government records that by law are not subject to public disclosure.



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- Because the board is discussing ideas from respondents about the legal strategies to avoid litigation or to prevail in the event of a lawsuit, these topics of discussion are permissible in an executive session as stated in AS 44.62.310 (c)(1).
- Because the board is interviewing attorneys regarding their performance potential, the board could unintentionally prejudice a reputation. This subject may be discussed in executive session as stated in AS 44.62.310 (c)(2)

With these recommendations from the legislative attorney, Mr. Torkelson recommended that the board proceed with discussion in executive session.

Mr. Simpson moved to enter executive session to interview a proposing law firm and to implement one of the Open Meetings Act exceptions in subsection (c)(4) relating to records that are not subject to public disclosure. Unanimous consent to the motion was requested. Ms. Borromeo seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The board entered executive session at 3:09 p.m.

The board exited executive session at 4:28 p.m.

Mr. Binkley stated that no decisions were made while in executive session after interviewing the respondents for the RFI.

The board will reschedule its meeting on March 12, 2021 to March 6, 2021 in the afternoon to discuss the selection of RFI respondents. Once a time has been confirmed, this time will be advertised.

Mr. Torkelson requested an additional agenda item to the March 6th meeting to discuss formal meeting protocols. Mr. Binkley confirmed this addition to the agenda.

Adjournment

Ms. Borromeo moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.