

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY
LEGISLATIVE & AUDIT AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

April 12, 2018
2:00 p.m.

Taken at:
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 120
Anchorage, Alaska

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Trustees present:

Mary Jane Michael, Chair
Laraine Derr (via Speakerphone)
Jerome Selby (via Speakerphone)
Paula Easley
Verné Boerner

Trust staff present:

Mike Abbott
Steve Williams
Andy Stemp
Miri Smith-Coolidge
Carley Lawrence
Valette Keller

Trustee Land Office present:

Wyn Menefee
Jusdi Ducet

Also participating:

Greg Jones

PROCEEDINGS

CHAIR MICHAEL calls the meeting to order. She states that Greg Jones was the chairman and is no longer a trustee, but is present today. She thanks him for being present and providing the transition. She calls the roll and welcomes Verné Boerner to her first meeting. She asks for any announcements. There being none, she moves to approval of the agenda.

TRUSTEE EASLEY makes a motion to approve the agenda.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for any ethics disclosures. There being none, she moves to the minutes of February 22, 2018.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2018, meeting.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

CHAIR MICHAEL moves to the minutes of March 7, 2018.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2018.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

CHAIR MICHAEL moves to the minutes of March 14, 2018.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2018.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

There being no objection, the motions are approved.

CHAIR MICHAEL moves into the Legislative Audit Report.

MR. ABBOTT states that Greg Jones is here today and is under contract with the Trust at a nominal fee. He continues that Mr. Jones will be assisting with the response to the Legislative Audit, and other work as assigned by the CEO. He adds that Mr. Jones will be joining in the executive session in his role supporting the Trust on the Legislative Audit. He moves on to the timeline. He states that there is an opportunity to provide a response to the audit no later than May 2. He continues that there will be a staff recommendation to prepare a response. The same opportunity is available to the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Revenue. He adds that those agencies will make their own choices about whether they choose to provide a response or not. They will also have the same deadline. He adds that after the response deadline, the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee will reconvene. There is no minimum or maximum time for this. At that point, the Budget & Audit Committee will have the opportunity to then release the audit report publicly, with the agency responses attached. They can also send the audit back for more work by the legislative auditor. He adds that is an unlikely and relatively unprecedented step. He concludes his introductory comments.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanks both Mr. Abbott and Mr. Jones and asks for a motion to go into Executive Session.

TRUSTEE EASLEY makes a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the confidential response to the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee management letter in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, AS 44.62.310(c).

TRUSTEE BOERNER seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR MICHAEL moves into Executive Session.

(Executive Session from 2:10 p.m. until 3:10 p.m.)

CHAIR MICHAEL states that they are out of Executive Session.

TRUSTEE SELBY reports that the committee went into Executive Session to discuss the confidential legislative audit materials, are back in open session, and no decisions were made.

MR. ABBOTT comments, related to the Legislative Audit, that everything that is still being done is confidential as required by the Legislative Audit statutes. He adds that the media protocol is still in effect on this. If there are questions that arise regarding the audit, they should be directed back to his office. He thinks that the possibility of those questions or of leakage occurring is significantly greater now that the report has been exposed to at least some legislators. He asks the trustees to be cognizant of that.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that there are also hard copies, and if they are not needed, please leave them here.

MR. ABBOTT concludes the issues that he wanted to cover at the meeting.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for a motion to adjourn.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks about the Forest Service issue and the land exchange which needs to be approved before the logging can take place. She asks what would happen if the Forest Service does not act by May 5.

MR. MENEFEE replies that he will give more information on this during the RMC meeting next week. He states that in order to move forward with the meeting, the appraisal results for Phase I would be needed. If the appraisal results do not come in time, the final part of what is needed to move forward with the exchange will not be evaluated. If they are delayed, the meeting will have to be pushed off. He adds that the conveyance cannot technically happen until the trustees approve the exchange. That is a requirement.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks about the mill schedule.

MR. MENEFEE replies that a contract has already been issued to Viking Lumber, and it is contingent upon the date of conveyance.

MR. ABBOTT adds that Viking is well aware of this, tracking it closely, and is actively involved in trying to move the Forest Service and are tracking this closely.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion to adjourn.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

(Legislative & Audit Ad Hoc Committee meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.)