

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL FULL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

February 9, 2018  
11:00 a.m.

Taken at:  
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority  
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 120  
Anchorage, Alaska

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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Trustees present:

Mary Jane Michael, Chair (via Speakerphone)  
Christopher Cooke  
Laraine Derr (via Speakerphone)  
Carlton Smith (via Speakerphone)  
Paula Easley  
Jerome Selby (via Speakerphone)  
Greg Jones (via Speakerphone)

Trust staff present:

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

Trust Land Office:

Wyn Menefee

**PROCEEDINGS**

CHAIR MICHAEL calls the Special Full Board meeting to order. She calls the roll and acknowledges that all trustees are present. She asks for a motion to approve the agenda.

TRUSTEE COOKE makes a motion to approve the agenda.

TRUSTEE SELBY seconds.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for any ethics disclosures. There being none, she moves to the Legislative Audit Report, recognizing Trustee Jones.

## LEGISLATIVE AUDIT REPORT

TRUSTEE JONES states that a verbal report was received. He continues that an update to the board, which is sensitive, warrants the discussion to be held in Executive Session.

TRUSTEE JONES makes a motion that the board go into Executive Session to discuss the Legislative Audit Report in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, AS 44-62310(c).

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

MR. ABBOTT recommends that the motion be clarified because there will be a conversation about a similar subject to describe that the materials to be discussed in the Executive Session are required to be held in confidence by the Trust at this time.

TRUSTEE JONES notes that and places it in the motion.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

(Executive Session from 11:10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.)

CHAIR MICHAEL states that they are out of Executive Session.

TRUSTEE SELBY notes, for the record, that the trustees just came out of Executive Session where no action was taken.

MR. ABBOTT goes through an overview of the expected timeline and states that the Legislative Audit folks are not able to be very specific about all of the timelines, which he suggests are their fault. He continues that they are not able to accurately predict when different elements will be finished. He adds that the next document expected is the management letter, which will be produced in draft form and sent to the Trust for comments around February 28, a relatively firm date. He adds, that will be a confidential document which will be delivered to Chair Michael, the Commissioners of DNR, and Department of Revenue. He states that there will be ten working days to comment on that. From the end of that comment period, it will take them one to two weeks to convert that into a preliminary report to the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee. He continues, that will be presented to Senator Stedman and his group in Executive Session. At the same time, it will be presented to the Trust confidentially, as well as to DNR and Department of Revenue. Then, there will be 20 calendar days for the opportunity to comment on that. He adds that the final will be released publicly at an LB&A Committee meeting, three to five weeks after the first LB&A meeting. It will be late April to early, mid-May before there will be a fully public final report blessed and released by the committee. He states that the first comment period is a chance to actually convince the Legislative Audit staff that they want to change their report. He considers this an important opportunity that should be taken full advantage of.

TRUSTEE COOKE states that the timeline described sounds as though it could run to the normal end of the legislative session. He asks what happens if the Legislative changes to the Trust are introduced but not acted on during this Legislative session.

MR. ABBOTT replies that it will die.

TRUSTEE COOKE asks how that will be reconciled.

MR. ABBOTT replies that it will be challenging.

TRUSTEE COOKE states that it behooves the trustees to persuade people in the Legislature to not link the two as far as sequencing one to the other.

MR. ABBOTT replies yes.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for any other questions on the timeline or any other topics.

MR. ABBOTT asks the committee to consider the creation of some sort of a trustee review or group that the staff could work with for the next several weeks on building a proposed response. He adds, that does not necessarily need to be resolved today. He states that he would expect to bring this issue back to the Full Board, but would like some guidance in the meantime.

CHAIR MICHAEL replies that it needs to be three or less members, or the meeting would have to be noticed.

MR. ABBOTT states that the charters give the authority to establish those ad hoc committees, and knowing by this time next week on how to move forward would be enough.

TRUSTEE JONES asks if there will be a report from outside counsel within the next week.

MR. ABBOTT replies no.

TRUSTEE JONES states that he was trying to get Chair Michael as much information as possible before determining on what type of activity she should decide about.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks if there are individuals interested in participating.

TRUSTEE DERR states that she is.

TRUSTEE JONES suggests talking with the members, and deciding in the next few days.

TRUSTEE SMITH believes that the conversation should occur with every trustee.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for any other comments or questions.

TRUSTEE COOKE states that there is a need to also consider that there are two people who have been appointed by the Governor to the board that should be coming up for confirmation hearings in the next month or so. He continues that they should be briefed on some of the issues discussed today.

CHAIR MICHAEL replies that she will touch base with them. She states that, since this is confidential, she will not tell them any details other than what is on the public record.

MR. ABBOTT states that he will send a couple of public documents that can be shared. He also states that the audit team was very complimentary of the staff and other Trust folks. They also apologized for it taking so long. He adds that this audit may not have been wanted, but once it was commissioned, all participated professionally and generously.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanks Mr. Abbott, adding that if there are no other comments, a motion to adjourn is in order.

TRUSTEE JONES makes a motion to adjourn the meeting.

TRUSTEE SELBY seconds.

*There being no objection, the meeting is adjourned.*

(Special Full Board meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.)