

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

SPECIAL FULL BOARD MEETING

March 24, 2017

11:00 a.m.

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

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Trustees present:

Mary Jane Michael, Chair
Carlton Smith
Larry Norene
Paula Easley
Laraine Derr (via Speakerphone)
Jerome Selby (via Speakerphone)
Russ Webb (via Speakerphone)

Trust staff present:

Greg Jones
Jeff Jessee
Steve Williams
Heidi Wailand
Carley Lawrence
Michael Baldwin
Miri Smith-Coolidge
Katie Baldwin-Johnson
Carrie Predeger
Luke Lind
Valette Keller
Kat Roch

Trust Land Office:

John Morrison
Wyn Menefee
Crystal Benson-Carlough

Others Participating:

Chris Cooke; Randall Burns; Kathy Craft; Nelson Page; Charlene Tautfest; Brenda Moore; Faith Myers; Dorrance Collins; Karen Perdue (via Speakerphone); Bruce Van Dusen (via Speakerphone); Gordon Glaser; Randall Burns.

PROCEEDINGS

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR MICHAEL calls the meeting to order and calls the roll. She moves to the agenda and adds a few changes. First, is the discussion regarding the process for the executive search and the organizational evaluation contract, and which should come first. Second, is an executive session to review the proposals for the CEO search; and an update on the interviews for the chief financial officer.

TRUSTEE NORENE makes a motion to approve the amended agenda.

TRUSTEE SMITH seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for any ethics disclosures. There being none, she moves to the FY17 Trust Authority operating budget line item transfer.

FY17 TRUST AUTHORITY OPERATING BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFER

MR. WILLIAMS states that the essence of this request is to get trustee approval to move \$150,000 from the personal services budget amount in the FY17 budget down to the services line so two contracts can be executed. One will move forward with the executive search, and the other to move forward with contracting for an organizational assessment. He adds that the money in the services line currently is not enough to cover those contracts, which is anticipated to be up to \$100,000 each. He states the reason for bringing this forward is that any funding exceeding \$50,000 would come back to the trustees for approval.

TRUSTEE NORENE makes a motion to approve the line item transfer for the Trust Authority Office fiscal year 2017 administrative budget whereby personal services line, 1000, is reduced by \$150,000 and transferred to the services line, 3000.

TRUSTEE WEBB seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

MR. JONES asks Jeff Jessee to give a legislative update.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

MR. JESSEE states that the House has passed their budget and sent the Mental Health Budget bill to the Senate, but did not send the overall State operating budget to the Senate. He continues that there is speculation that the Senate intends to modify the State operating budget, send it back to the House, and adjourn. He moves to the alcohol tax, stating that meeting with legislators has begun. He notes that there is more support among some key senators than anticipated. He adds

that this will be significant because the updated numbers are that the cost of alcohol abuse in Alaska is \$1.8 billion per year; and drug abuse is \$1.2 billion. This is expected to get some attention. He states that Title 4, the alcohol beverage control statutory rewrite, still has some issues. He continues that, this year, there is a companion bill sponsor in the House, and it looks promising that Chuck Cobb will get some significant majority party co-sponsorship.

MR. JONES states that the activities the TLO has been doing in terms of investment has some real fans on the Senate Finance Committee. Several members have been open and on the record about supporting it, including the chairman.

MR. MORRISON states that he has a few updates beginning with the outreach in Southeast Alaska for the land exchange. He continues that the TLO presented to the Ketchikan Assembly. They were very supportive and offered to come forward with a new resolution of support, which is forthcoming. He adds that there was a public meeting with good participation and a lot of questions, which went well. There were also public meetings in Petersburg that were well attended with good questions. He states that a letter of support from the Federal Forest Resource Coalition, which is a large nationwide organization, was sent directly to Lisa Murkowski, fully supporting our bill. The efforts in Southeast are going very well. He continues that in the coming weeks similar presentations requesting support and informing the public will be held in Sitka, Juneau, Prince of Wales and Wrangell. He states that HB 155 is moving forward in the Senate, and the State process seems to be in line. The federal process is also moving smoothly. He reminds trustees that it is of the utmost importance that the bills pass at both the state and federal levels this year. He continues that the Icy Bay initiative is going very well. He congratulates staff at TLO for a job well done in lining all that up. He states that there is a lot of activity in Juneau, and we met with the city manager there. One of the topics was about the DPS building. The Department of Administration, who had occupied the building for as long as the Trust has owned it, without paying rent, is leaving April 30th. He continues that the City and Borough of Juneau is somewhat interested in purchasing the building. The mayor was talking about it on a radio show. He adds that he would like to see who has the best interest of the Trust for that building, and the plans for it. He states that the DOA has contacted the TLO for a potential parking lease on the Subport parcel that is not under contract to sell. That will proceed as any other transaction. He continues that another transaction is the desire for the Department of Military and Federal Affairs to exchange a parcel in Fairbanks for a drawing on a map of two parcels that are Trust-owned in Fairbanks, and they want to subpart each parcel. He adds that we would be happy to sell the parcel for fair market value, but we are not interested in exchanging the parcel for the one that they own.

TRUSTEE WEBB asks about the \$250,000 reduction in the House TLO budget and how that will impact the Icy Bay work.

MR. MORRISON replied that the current budget is not affected by that for next year. He states that this reduction will severely hamper the ability to meet the mission to protect the Trust interests and make recommendations on our initiatives.

CHAIR MICHAEL acknowledges Chris Cooke, and asks about his confirmation hearing.

MR. COOKE replies that he had a confirmation hearing with two Senate committees and has been contacted about scheduling one for House Finance. He states that it is necessary, vital and important to communicate with local governments and local communities about the development of Trust land in their areas. He asks about the contact between the City and Borough of Yakutat and the Trust about the Icy Bay development.

MR. MORRISON replies that both Yakutat and Cordova have been reached out to to let them know about the series of meetings in May for follow-up. He states that it is very important to tie the activities of the TLO to the mission of the Trust and beneficiaries; the more that message gets out, the more the purpose and actions are understood. He introduces Crystal Benson-Carlough, the new administrative assistant, and thanks her for her work.

TRUSTEE SMITH asks Mr. Morrison to share the participation that the TLO had with the Southeast Conference, and also some of the materials that are provided for these public meetings.

MR. MORRISON states that a presentation will be forwarded to the trustees, along with copies of the support letters that were received.

MR. MENEFEE states that the report back from the Southeast Conference has been quite favorable, being able to meet with staff from Senator Murkowski's office. The discussions ranged from timber, the land exchange, to subdivision sales. He continues that Dave Griffin, the Southeast land manager, found it valuable to make facial contact with people that he will be working with in the future.

CHAIR MICHAEL appreciates the update and breaks for lunch.

(Lunch break.)

CHAIR MICHAEL calls the meeting back to order, and recognizes Greg Jones.

MR. JONES asks Nelson Page to make a brief announcement.

MR. PAGE states that he has accepted a position with the Alaska State Bar Association as bar counsel. He continues that he will be winding down his practice and will not be able to provide representation to the Mental Health Trust. He adds that he will offer transition to The Trust's new counsel.

MR. JONES states that he has counted on and has been very well served by Mr. Page's advice and counsel, both from a historical and legal standpoint. He is a huge resource, and we are sorry to see him go.

TRUSTEE NORENE thanks Mr. Page for his service.

TRUSTEE SMITH also thanks Mr. Page.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that, over the years, Mr. Page's diligence, both personally and professionally, have assured this organization's success. She thanks him.

MR. WILLIAMS states that Mr. Page has served the Trust in many distinct roles: as legal counsel, a trustee, he helped structure the organization that we have today, and has moved us forward over time. The Trust has been fortunate to have his expertise and thanks him.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for any other comments. There being none, she moves to the public comment period. She recognizes Charlene Tautfest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MS. TAUTFEST states that her son is a beneficiary of the Trust and she is currently chair of the Alaska Mental Health Board. Regarding the CEO selection process, the board appreciates the opportunity of being included in that process. Regarding the proposal to pursue changes to the Trust statutes, the four advisory boards advised the Trust to wait until the organizational review and legislative audit process have finished before pursuing changes to the Trust statutes. Regarding the use of public buildings held by the Trust in Fairbanks to support programs for beneficiaries, the four advisory boards encourage trustees to authorize the use of one or both buildings for the sobering center, which is a direct use by beneficiaries. A sobering center is in the best interest of the Trust and its beneficiaries, and is consistent with the Trust management principles set up in regulations. The four advisory boards also encourage the development of clear and streamlined processes which, through the Trust Land Office, can make Trust assets available to programs providing direct services to beneficiaries. She thanks Mr. Jones and staff for the work being done to ensure that beneficiaries have a voice in the changes ahead for the Trust.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanks Ms. Tautfest, and recognizes Brenda Moore.

MS. MOORE states that she holds a consumer seat on the Mental Health Board, and also serves on the executive committee for the board. She continues that the Trust is in a state of change with staff and trustee leadership changes imminent. The external legislative audit and internal organizational review is proceeding at the same time as the leadership changes. She adds appreciation for all and advises that there should be public and inclusive conversations with beneficiaries and stakeholders with an interest in management of Trust assets and resources to determine what is in the best interest of beneficiaries regarding use of proceeds from the sale, lease or other disposition of Trust lands prior to the time. She looks forward to contributing and participating in these processes.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanks Ms. Moore and recognizes Faith Myers.

MS. MYERS states that she volunteers as a mental health advocate. Annually, there are approximately 10,000 individuals that end up in the locked psychiatric institutions or units in Alaska, annually. She continues that patient advocates estimate that up to 47 percent of the patients are mistreated. She adds that smarter state management and care of disabled psychiatric patients, Trust beneficiaries, would reduce suicides, recidivism, post-traumatic stress injury

because of poor treatment in institutions, and would promote positive recovery outcomes and reduce negative patient law enforcement encounters. She states that because most of the acute-care psychiatric patients are considered disabled, AS 47.30.847 states that “a patient advocate must be available to assist patients in filing a grievance or help in the seeking of other redress.” The loophole is: No regulations have been written by the Department of Health and Social Services to say when the patient advocate would be available. She continues that hospitals have gone out of their way to make sure the patient advocates are not readily available to patients. Advocates go home at 5:00, and they do not work on weekends or holidays. Hospitals set the due process for psychiatric patient complaints. She states that the State, through regulation and laws, must establish a partnership between disabled psychiatric patients and acute-care psychiatric institutions and units, and that would mean giving additional and enhanced rights to disabled psychiatric patients. She asks the Trust Authority to help improve rights for psychiatric patients.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for anyone on-line who would like to testify. She recognizes Karen Perdue.

MS. PERDUE states that she lives in Fairbanks. She was involved in the early development of the Denardo and Fahrenkamp Center. She continues that Senator Betty Fahrenkamp stepped forward and used her capital money at the time to allocate and became an advocate for mental health rights. She built those two buildings with the capital money she was designated in the Legislature and provided some program money. This was before the settlement and before a mental health program in Alaska was launched. She states that she was delighted to understand that the Tanana Chiefs and the Fairbanks Foundation and other partners had determined the Denardo Center would be an appropriate place for a sobering center. She adds that it is consistent with the purposes that the original legislative grants made. She asks the Trust to support this, adding that doing so would really honor the memory of Anne Denardo and Betty Fahrenkamp.

MR. JONES adds that there will be an update on this later in the agenda.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanks Ms. Perdue, and recognizes Bruce Van Dusen.

MR. VAN DUSEN states that he is the executive director of Polaris House, which is a clubhouse community dedicated to recovery, and the only accredited clubhouse in Alaska. He continues that Polaris House provides a safe place for beneficiaries to belong and have rights to meaningful relationships, meaningful work, and a safe environment. It ensures members are housed, can access community education opportunities, achieve paid employment and wraparound services to assist in all aspects of beneficiaries’ lives. He adds that several decades of research have shown that peer support has as good of outcomes as more traditional clinical and mental health services. Peer support behavioral health service is the greatest single add-on to improve services in recent years. He states that peer-driven services are considerably less expensive than traditional services, and are being included in all community-based service plans coming from federal agencies.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks if any grants from the state are received.

MR. VAN DUSEN replies that, currently, a grant through the Division of Behavioral Health, which is the Community Behavioral Health Treatment Recovery grant, which was cut by 5% last year and is under a threat for a cut again.

TRUSTEE EASLEY states appreciation for what Mr. Van Dusen does.

TRUSTEE SMITH agrees and asks which local organizations in Juneau are collaborating in these efforts.

MR. VAN DUSEN replies, basically, all the behavioral health providers.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanks Mr. Van Dusen, and recognizes Gordon Glaser.

MR. GLASER states that he is on the board of the Anchorage Senior Activity Center and Alaska Commission on Aging, but is speaking on his own behalf and shares many of the concerns already mentioned. He continues that change should be a positive experience and states concern about how the change is happening in terms of what steps have been taken and the amount of change in a brief period. He adds that the organizational review is necessary and needed, and we would like the opportunity to have a discussion before events happen rather than after. He states that their next committee meeting is May 9th and invites the trustees on the agenda for discussion.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanks Mr. Glaser and asks for anyone else to testify. She states that testimony is scheduled until 1:30. She calls a break.

(Break.)

CHAIR MICHAEL calls the meeting back to order. Next on the agenda is the CEO selection process.

CEO SELECTION PROCESS

MR. JONES states that the initial question that generated this agenda item was how does the board of trustees want to handle the selection of the CEO. He continues that, at this point, we are to the point of receiving proposals for a search firm, and we would like to know what procedure the board wants to use. The search firm will do background checks, verify the credentials and whether the candidates meet the minimum requirements, and then forward resumes that are believed to be qualified. He asks if the trustees want to see all the resumes and would like a special meeting to review them, or just circulate them to all. He also asks, when it comes down to interviews, how the trustees want that process to work, as a body or a committee of the board.

TRUSTEE SMITH states before looking at job descriptions and entertaining specific companies, the trustees need to define where we are right now and what is being looked for in a skillset.

MR. JONES explained how the process for search firms was done. He states that firms that

understood mission-driven organizations and could also look at the financial side of the business, were looked at. He continues that four requests for proposal were sent, and two very good proposals were received. He adds that discussing proposals in public is prohibited.

TRUSTEE SELBY fully supports what is recommended in terms of getting the organizational review done and agrees in identifying the skillset wanted for the executive search firm to use.

TRUSTEE SMITH states that this was discussed at some length, and it was the consensus of trustees for having a CEO seated and then do the organizational review.

MR. JONES states that the board decided to go with the CEO search first. The goal was to get the CEO hired before the assessment was complete, but probably while it was in process.

The discussion continues.

TRUSTEE WEBB states that both things need to get moving quickly, and the board will adapt as needed. If it is determined that a change to the statute is needed to become a more effective, higher-performing organization, then that will be done.

TRUSTEE DERR agrees.

MR. COOKE states that the time factor, as far as when this person needs to be on board and take over, will determine a lot in terms of the other issue that has been discussed.

TRUSTEE SMITH agrees with Trustee Derr in seeing some Alaska experience with the firms and states thanks for the reminder about not talking about those firms or discussing those proposals in public. He also would like to see proposals from at least one other firm.

TRUSTEE WEBB states that there is nothing that prevents resoliciting and seeking additional respondents, including contacting potential respondents in Alaska, to make sure that they are aware of and able to respond, if they wish.

CHAIR MICHAEL suggests holding off and discussing this in executive session or having Valette Keller respond to the question about procurement.

MS. KELLER replies that it is possible to cancel the solicitation and do another solicitation with a wider pool of potential proposers that would include possibly some Alaskan firms.

The discussion continues.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that public comment closes at 1:30 and asks if there is anyone on-line that called in to give public comment. There being no one, she closes the public comment period. She asks that the discussion regarding the CEO selection process continue. She states that the recommendation is to now proceed with the organizational review first and go ahead with the proposals for the CEO, and that would be about a six-month process. She asks if a motion is needed.

MR. JONES replies that a motion is not needed.

The discussion continues.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion to proceed immediately with the subject -- to the discussion further in executive session on moving forward with solicitation for both the organizational review and the CEO search, and to move the organizational review as quickly as possible, with the understanding that we will not finalize that review until a selection for a CEO has been made.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks Mr. Jones to put a timeline together that shows how things will fall over the next year. She also asks if more input was needed on how to do the executive search.

MR. JONES replies that he will submit a timeline, and states that the trustees will establish an interview schedule, and then the board will interview the final interview candidates.

TRUSTEE WEBB states the prerogative of the chair of the board and will appoint a committee to assist Mr. Jones in planning and conducting the search, working with the search firm, and then doing some screening.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for any other comments. There being none, she moves to the draft statutory changes for the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.

DRAFT STATUTORY CHANGES FOR THE AMHTA

MR. JONES states that when the request for the audit was received, the subject matter of that was looked at. The main important part of it was the question on how the Trust uses principal. The attorney general's office was engaged and asked the same questions about what the statutes say and what the exposure out there is. He continues that the attorney general began to draft a set of amendments to the statutes that would address the ways in which the Trust has used principal for investment purposes in the past. That involves principal used in stewardship of land: subdividing; building roads; building utilities to increase the value of Trust land; mineral surveys; timber surveys. These things are all intended to add revenue and help increase the amount of revenue from that land. He adds that if principal was invested to generate more principal, then it was an appropriate use of Trust assets. He states that the draft legislative language addresses each of those issues. He adds that this is strictly about the use of principal, for the reasons stated. He continues that the attorney general's office believes that these, as written, resolve the issues that were raised by the request for audit, and make clear what was unclear. He adds that he is pleased with the way they are written. He states that Mr. Page has reviewed them and believes that it would resolve the issues raised in the audit, and would provide some guidance to the board on decisions about the uses of principal or capital in the future.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that these are very important issues and, for the benefit of everybody in the room who may not know what these provisions entail, to go through it item by item.

MR. JONES states that the advisory boards have both the draft language and the analysis matrix, and they managed to fit two meetings in with different representatives.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that legislators recommend addressing it as soon as possible because it could help answer some of the questions that are in the audit, and would not require having an audit.

MR. COOKE states that it would be a great advantage and relevant in terms of sequencing and timing to have this legislation pending, if the Trust agrees with the content, for other people to consider in looking at the Trust through the prism of the legislative audit, as constituent groups look at the proposal. He continues that it seems that these needs can be met through this process with the cornerstone being that the Trust agrees with the content of the proposal.

MR. JONES recommends that delaying introduction is not delaying approval of the legislation. He believes approval will be accomplished at about the same time it would have been. He states that the sponsor of the bill, Senator MacKinnon, advised the need to have the advisory boards on board supporting legislation. This would give it a stronger legislative presentation.

TRUSTEE SELBY proposes giving the boards and the beneficiaries the opportunity to review and comment on the legislation itself.

The discussion continues as the trustees go through the document.

MR. MORRISON reminds the trustees that the Alaska statute about the prudent investor rule, specifically as an attachment to the Resource Management strategy, was adopted.

TRUSTEE SMITH states that at some appropriate time, given the complexity of the topic of real estate investment, that it might be a good thing to figure out how to involve the advisory boards so that they understand the complexity of this investment class and all the components of it. This is just an idea that would help them along to understand this particular direction in real estate.

MR. JONES continues going through the document, moving to Section 5, which discusses the allocation of principal and income. It basically allows the Trust to determine what is principal and what is income.

TRUSTEE WEBB states that this is moving us further forward to better define what we are doing, how it is being done, and why. He continues that this gives greater clarity and puts it in statute.

MR. JONES goes through the section on definition and moves to the new section, the implementation of the directors of the Mental Health Trust Authority regarding the acquisition of

real property. He continues, explaining and states that it is narrowly focused on how the principal is used and is targeted directly at the audit.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that this was very helpful.

MR. JONES states that it is important that when this is introduced as legislation, it becomes the Legislature's document and is no longer ours. There will be changes made to it, and then we will have to become an advocate for the Trust to make sure that the document is liked as it gets finished.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks if the trustees have any thoughts on the timing about introduction, other than what has already been discussed.

TRUSTEE SELBY proposes putting it on the May agenda for a public hearing, and specifically inviting the boards and mental health beneficiaries to provide any meaningful input they may have towards making the legislation better. He states that it is important to make a clear public effort to obtain that input in this legislation before it is put forward.

The discussion continues.

MR. JONES states that feedback is already being received. One of the advantages of delaying submitting until fall is that feedback will be received over the summer. There will be conversations with legislators through the summer which can be reported back at committee meetings before the bill is submitted. Then, there will be a better idea of what the language might look like by the September meeting. He continues that members of the Senate Finance Committee have suggested that an amount should go to the Permanent Fund every year no matter what, just for inflation-proofing. He suggests designating a percentage or a dollar amount, some sort of firm standard, perhaps an allocation.

CHAIR MICHAEL calls a break before moving to the partnership request.

(Break.)

PARTNERSHIP REQUEST

CHAIR MICHAEL calls the meeting back to order. The next item on the agenda is the Interior Alaska partnership request for Denardo Center lease rate and the Program-Related Investment.

MR. JONES acknowledges that a letter was received on March 13th from Jeff Cook and Chief Victor Joseph about the Fairbanks sobriety center and the Denardo building. He states that we have been anxious to work with helping them on that project from Day One. He continues that there is an internal procedural issue that revolves around the role of the Trust Land Office with the current set of bylaws and regulations. The goal and mission of the Trust Land Office is to maximize the value of Trust assets. They do not have the authority to discount rents for a program. That authority is reserved for the Trust and its board of directors. He adds that the

Fairbanks folks were encouraged to apply to the Trust for assistance. He asks Ms. Baldwin-Johnson to continue.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that they reached out to Shirley Lee and the Tanana Chiefs with a solution for this to move forward by inviting them to submit a proposal to assist them for two to three years with the help of lease cost that mirrors the period of funding from the Division for the actual operation of the sobering center. She continues, that would give them time to fully implement their program, get in the building on time, work out their sustainability issues, and we would have a better picture of what the plan looks like.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks if this grant is at the full market rate.

MR. MORRISON replies that the consultation done at the last meeting was for market-rate rent, which is the only rent that can be moved forward under the regulations. There was an in-depth discussion at the meeting in January, and the conclusion was that it is better organizationally and for the actual facilities.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that not all came to that conclusion.

TRUSTEE SELBY agrees with that.

MR. MORRISON explains the issue and the process involved.

A discussion on the subject with all the trustees expressing their opinions and concerns ensues.

TRUSTEE WEBB asks if a business plan was seen from the folks in Fairbanks.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that Randall Burns worked closely with them on making the decision to grant them the funds.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognizes Randall Burns.

MR. BURNS states that he is director of the Division of Behavioral Health and talks about the group that put in this proposal. He continues that the Division is anxious that the grant gets started. It is a three-year grant, so these funds will not lapse; but the sooner they are able to get up and running, the better. He encourages the Trust, regardless of how they end up funding it, to move as quickly as possible so that the community is the beneficiary of this program.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that the trustees are supportive of the program but thinks it is more about how to support it now, in the future, and how it fits into and it is treated as part of the portfolio.

MR. COOKE states that, as he read the letter, he could not figure out what their proposal was and what they were asking for.

CHAIR MICHAEL replies that Ms. Baldwin-Johnson is working with them on a proposal that they will come forward with, and then we will go from there.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that they will submit their concept with the proper information. It would be reviewed internally, and then brought to the trustees for consideration.

MR. JONES states that does require a budget, and we will need to be able to look at it and see the long-term sustainability.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks if a motion is needed, or if this is just an informational update.

MR. JONES replies that, unless the trustees want the direction to change, a motion is not needed. He states that the direction now is that we are working with the Fairbanks staff, with the Fairbanks chiefs, and we expect to see an application for a grant in the near term. It will be processed quickly and will be at the April 20th Planning Committee meeting for final approval.

TRUSTEE WEBB states that the process Mr. Jones defined is the right one, and is the one that should have been followed from the beginning. Present a grant application that can be carefully considered, make a rational decision, and go from there.

TRUSTEE SELBY states that he fully supports moving ahead and getting the grant on it, and to let the folks get going on this program. He asks Mr. Jones to identify at the April meeting what needs to be changed to fix this on a long-term permanent basis.

MR. JONES agrees.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that the proposal will come in April. Next on the agenda is executive session, and she asks for a motion.

TRUSTEE EASLEY makes a motion to go into executive session for the purposes of reviewing two proposals received for the executive search. Those are confidential documents that require going into executive session to review. Also, current candidates for the chief financial officer of the organization will be reviewed.

TRUSTEE NORENE seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

MR. JONES states that the procurement rules say that the selection committee can stay in the room for the discussions on the proposal and for the CFO. He continues that John Morrison, Vallette Keller, Steve Williams and himself are the permanent selection committee.

(Executive Session from 3:31 p.m. until 4:22 p.m.)

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for a motion to go out of executive session.

TRUSTEE NORENE makes a motion to go out of executive session.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

TRUSTEE WEBB states that this is probably Larry Norene's last meeting as a trustee and acknowledges and thanks Mr. Norene for everything he has done to take the Trust Land Office and develop that organization under his guidance as the Resource Management chair, to where it is today, as a hard-charging professional organization that is doing an excellent job. The contributions that Mr. Norene has made are going to continue to have tremendous impact for Trust beneficiaries long into the future.

TRUSTEE SMITH adds that it is his understanding, that Senator MacKinnon is preparing a legislative proclamation recognizing Mr. Norene's contributions. As Resources chair, he invites the TLO to make a similar recognition of Mr. Norene's work.

TRUSTEE NORENE thanks all for those accolades, and adds that he met a lot of good people.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for a motion to adjourn.

TRUSTEE NORENE makes a motion to adjourn the meeting.

TRUSTEE WEBB seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

(Special Full Board Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.)