

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

FULL BOARD MEETING

June 5, 2015  
8:30 a.m.

Taken at:

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority  
3745 Community Park Loop  
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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Trustees present:

Russ Webb, Chair (via Speakerphone)  
Mary Jane Michael (via Speakerphone)  
John McClellan (via Speakerphone)  
Paula Easley (via Speakerphone)  
Larry Norene (via Speakerphone)  
Carlton Smith (via Speakerphone)

Trust staff present:

Steve Williams  
Jeff Jessee

**PROCEEDINGS**

CHAIR WEBB calls the Board meeting of the Alaska Mental Health Board of Trustees to order and calls the roll. He moves to the agenda and asks for any additions. There being none, he asks for approval of the agenda.

TRUSTEE NORENE makes a motion to approve the agenda.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL seconds.

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

CHAIR WEBB asks for any ethics disclosures. There being none, he moves to the review of the Guiding Principles, stating that they are on-line for anyone if they wish to review them. He states that the next item on the agenda is the Trust Land Office executive director selections. He

continues that this has been previously discussed in several meetings, and this will formalize that.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL moves that the Board of Trustees select TLO Deputy Director John Morrison as TLO Executive Director effective July 2, 2015, and delegate to the Board chair and Resource Management Committee chair responsibility for consultation regarding this selection with the Commissioner of Natural Resources in accord with Section 4.1(e) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Natural Resources and the Trust Authority.

TRUSTEE SMITH seconds.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN states that he does not see the need to move this fast, and that the process is off here. He continues that he has no problem with Morrison as the selected candidate, but the Commissioner may have some candidates of his own in mind for the DNR position and should be brought in on the consultation before someone is selected.

TRUSTEE NORENE states that the procedure is that the Board selects someone, brings it to the Commissioner and then consults with the Commissioner. He continues that the sequence is the Board first, and then working with the Commissioner.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN states that he does not read it that way, and disagrees.

TRUSTEE EASLEY comments that the Trustees have always made the decision and then taken that decision to the Commissioner.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN states that if that is the protocol, he understands.

CHAIR WEBB reads, for the record, the section of the Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Natural Resources to review the process. The relevant section reads as follows: “Together, DNR and the Trust mutually will, (e), recruit and appoint new executive director—that is executive directors of the TLO. The Commissioner will delegate his authority to the Trust to select the new executive director in consultation with the Commissioner. The Commissioner will forward the agreed-upon candidate to the Governor for appointment.”

He states, that as Trustee Easley indicated, the past practice has been for the Trust Authority to make its selection and forward that to the Commissioner for consultation, and then have that name forwarded to the Governor, if the Commissioner agrees. He states that the motion has been made and seconded.

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

CHAIR WEBB asks for any other items that anyone would like to raise.

TRUSTEE SMITH states that once the appointment actually takes place and is approved, will the Chair be directing a warranted press release.

CHAIR WEBB states that is an excellent suggestion and that it would be useful for the public and the Trust to raise the level of public awareness about what the TLO does. He asks for any other comments. There being none, he asks for a motion to adjourn.

TRUSTEE NORENE makes a motion to adjourn the meeting.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL seconds.

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

(Full Board meeting adjourned at 8:49 a.m.)