



## GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

By conference call, the Government Accountability Board convened at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, November 5, 2007. Chair Cane called the meeting to order. The roll was called and a quorum was noted present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Honorable Michael Brennan; Honorable Thomas Cane; Honorable David Deininger; Honorable William Eich; Honorable James Mohr; and Honorable Gerald Nichol.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Terry C. Anderson, Government Accountability Board Interim Director; Ron Sklansky, Senior Staff Attorney; and Wendy Ulrich, Legislative Council Support Staff.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Scott Bauer, Peter C. Christianson, Matt Dolbey, Mindy Dumermuth, George Dunst, Sharie Hauge, Kevin Kennedy, Molly Koranda, Diane Lowe, Patrick Marley, and Beverly Speer.

Chair Cane stated that today's business was to appoint Legal Counsel to the Government Accountability Board.

*It was moved by Judge Nichol, seconded by Judge Brennan, to appoint Kevin Kennedy as Legal Counsel to the Government Accountability Board.*

Before voting on the motion, Judge Eich said he wanted to make a few comments. He expressed his optimism that with the newly created Board and Legal Counsel that respect for our government could be restored. He said it is very important that the interest of the public be in the forefront of whatever the Board does in order to restore this confidence and trust.

Chair Cane stated that although the decision was made to appoint someone who worked with the Elections Board that things will not be the same as in the past. He said he was confident that the new Board would keep matters nonpartisan, but is pleased to be appointing someone with a vast amount of experience.

Judge Nichol said that he echoed what the others had said on appointing Mr. Kennedy.

Judge Deininger stated that the successful future of the Board has the benefit of having Mr. Kennedy's expertise.

Hearing no further comments:

*The motion to appoint Kevin Kennedy as Legal Counsel to the Government Accountability Board was approved by unanimous voice vote.*

The Board next held a general discussion on what the agenda would be for the next meeting to be held on December 10, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in the Legislative Council Conference Room.

Mr. Anderson suggested to the Board that they entertain a motion verifying the salary and effective date of the position of Legal Counsel.

*It was moved by Judge Deininger, seconded by Judge Eich, that the salary will be \$121,700, with a review in six months, and that the position is effective today. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.*

At this time, Chair Cane stated that because today's meeting was so short, that he would like to see a motion made to waive per diem.

*It was moved by Judge Eich, seconded by Judge Nichol, to waive the per diem for today's conference call. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.*

Judge Deininger asked that the Board discuss the role they should play in judicial campaigns (e.g., contributions, endorsement, etc.). Judge Eich stated that he thought it would be a wise policy for the Board not to engage in any part of campaigns, local or statewide.

*It was moved by Judge Eich, seconded by Judge Nichol, to make it Board policy not to engage in any part of campaigns, local or statewide. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.*

Judge Nichol asked that it be stated in the record that the appointment for Legal Counsel was a difficult decision. The Board interviewed five very qualified candidates. He said he would like to tip his hat to Roth Judd, one of the candidates who also had an extreme amount of experience. All remaining judges agreed with this opinion.

Judge Cane thanked Terry Anderson for serving as Interim Director.

**Kevin Kennedy thanked the Board for their support and trust in his endeavor as Legal Counsel.**

**The committee adjourned at 10:25 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Terry C. Anderson  
Interim Director  
Government Accountability Board**

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