

Residential Ratepayers Advisory Board
May 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Present for the Board:

Otis Perry, Chair
Deborah de Moulpied
Thomas Moses
Joe Costello
Dwayne Wrightsman
Lou Pare

Present for the OCA:

Rorie Hollenberg
Stephen Eckberg
Donna McFarland
Christina Martin

Guests:

Don Kreis, Candidate for Consumer Advocate
Andrew Biemer, Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell, P.C

1. Minutes of March 5, 2012 Meeting

Mr. Perry declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. Mr. Perry began introductions. After introductions, the Board reviewed the draft minutes of the March meeting. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Costello moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Wrightsman. The Board unanimously approved the March minutes as drafted. Mr. Perry noted that the subcommittee minutes of March 19, 2012 were approved by the subcommittee already and would entertain a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Costello motioned to approve the subcommittee minutes, Mr. Wrightsman seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

2. Discussion & Vote on Subcommittee Recommendations re Consumer Advocate Position

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to go into non-public session. Mr. Costello motioned to go into non-public session, and Mr. Moses seconded the motion. The board unanimously voted by roll call method to go into non-public session. Mr. Perry asked the OCA, Mr. Kreis and Mr. Biemer to leave the room. At 2:10 p.m., the Board entered into non-public session.

At 2:35 pm the Board exited non-public session. The Board thanked the staff for understanding the need for its exclusion and reconvened the meeting. Mr. Perry asked for a motion to confirm the vote during the non-public session to seal the minutes. Ms. de Moulpied moved to seal the minutes and Mr. Moses seconded. The Board unanimously voted to seal the minutes.

The Board then discussed its intention to submit two names to the Governor and the Executive Council for nomination and appointment, respectively, to the position of

Consumer Advocate: in the order of preference, Donald Kreis, Esq. and Susan Chamberlin, Esq. . Ms. de Moulpied moved, Mr. Costello seconded and the Board unanimously voted to recommend Mr. Kreis and Ms. Chamberlin.

3. Final LBA Audit Report

Ms. Hollenberg spoke briefly with the Board about the Legislative Budget Assistant's audit findings and recommendations regarding the Board. Ms. Hollenberg asked the Board if they had any questions about the OCA's statutory duties and the Board's statutory duty of providing guidance to the OCA. Ms. Hollenberg also asked for guidance from the Board on how the OCA fulfills its statutory duty to provide administrative assistance to the Board. Mr. Moses asked if the OCA could provide updates on activity in cases during the period of time between Board meetings.

4. Case Activity Update

Ms. Hollenberg then gave an oral overview of the office activity since the last Board meeting. There was some discussion regarding pending cases.

5. 2012 Legislation Tracking

The Board reviewed the updated legislative tracking handout and discussed several bills listed on it.

Mr. Perry asked the members of the public present if they had anything to discuss with the Board. Mr. Kreis introduced himself and gave a brief history of his qualifications as well as reiterated his interest in the position of Consumer Advocate.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

The Board's next meeting is Monday July 9, at 2:00 pm.