



ARIZONA BOARD OF FINGERPRINTING

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Final Minutes for Special Session Meeting

Held February 13, 2004 at 8:30 a.m.

2222 West Encanto Blvd., Suite 350, Phoenix, Arizona

Board Members

Mike LeHew, Department of Economic Security, Chair
Vincient Yanez, Department of Education, Vice Chair
Alvin Vasicek, Administrative Office of the Courts
Kim Pipersburgh, Department of Health Services
Vernon Waite, Department of Juvenile Corrections

Executive Director

Dennis Seavers

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mr. LeHew called the meeting to order at 8:48 a.m. and conducted a roll call. The following board members were present: Mike LeHew, Vincient Yanez, Kim Pipersburgh, and Vernon Waite. The following board member was absent: Alvin Vasicek.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. LeHew made a call to the public. There were no members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. LeHew asked whether the revenue projections recorded in the minutes assumed the passage of House Bill 2073 (46th Legislature, Second Regular Session). Mr. Seavers replied that they did not. Mr. LeHew asked Mr. Seavers whether he had gotten an official determination from the

General Accounting Office (“GAO”) about how funds would revert or carry over at the end of fiscal year 2004. Mr. Seavers said he had not but would. Mr. Seavers said he believed GAO would subtract the expenditures first from the appropriated monies; if the expenditures did not exceed the appropriation, then the difference between the appropriation and the expenditures would revert to the Department of Public Safety.

Mr. Waite made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 9, 2004, and Mr. Yanez seconded. The motion passed, 4-0.

REPORTS

A. Chair’s report

There was no report by the chair.

B. Executive Director’s report

1. Legislation

Mr. Seavers reported that there were two bills introduced this session that would add to the population of citizens who are required to get fingerprint clearance cards. The first, House Bill 2539, as introduced, would require all state university employees to have a card as a condition of employment. Mr. Seavers reported that the bill, if it proceeds, will be amended to require fingerprinting that is different from the clearance card process.

The second bill, House Bill 2073, would require employees of the Department of Economic Security Child Protective Services to have a fingerprint clearance card as a condition of employment. Mr. Seavers said that the bill had passed both committees to which it was assigned and received a recommendation to pass the bill as amended from the Committee of the Whole the previous day. He said the bill would soon be third read and be transmitted to the Senate. He anticipated that the bill would pass without any problems. Mr. Seavers said that the bill would add about 50 additional appellants to the good cause exception process. He did not anticipate any operational problems with the slight increase.

Mr. Seavers said that the Legislature had commended the board for eliminating its backlog and operational problems at the hearing before the House Committee on Government and Retirement for House Bill 2073. Mr. LeHew asked Mr. Seavers to share with the board members any committee minutes that reflected the compliment.

Finally, Mr. Seavers reported that the only other bills were either technical in nature, such as a bill changing the definition of “animal and ecological terrorism,”

which is a precluded offense under the organized crime article, but these bills were unimportant.

2. Server

Mr. Seavers said that he believed the board would have its own server in place in about one month. He said he had negotiated certain security terms about data sharing with the Department of Public Safety (“DPS”) and finally decided that it would be best for the board to cut itself off from DPS altogether. He explained that DPS wanted the board to reduce as far as possible the number of fields it would import, to the point where he believed that the board staff would be better off doing the data entry rather than sharing the data electronically. Mr. Seavers noted certain burdens associated with continuing to share data with DPS, including DPS’ insistence that the board contract with the vendor Compuware, which Mr. Seavers thought provided inferior services for high prices.

Mr. Yanez asked whether the issue was that DPS could not share data with the board; he noted that DPS currently pushes data through a parallel server to the Department of Education. Mr. Seavers said it was possible to continue sharing data electronically, and the process would be similar to the one of sharing data between DPS and the Department of Education. However, he believed the additional data entry, which he regarded as minimal, was not too cumbersome, whereas continuing to import data electronically from DPS had a number of administrative problems.

Mr. Seavers said that he was negotiating with a vendor, Technisource, to make alterations to the board’s databases to allow the change to another server. He believed the changes would be complete in about one month. At that time, he would share a draft of the board’s Web site with members for comment.

SALARIES AND WAGES FOR BOARD STAFF

Mr. Yanez made a motion for the board to enter into executive session, and Mr. Waite seconded. The motion passed, 4-0. The board entered into executive session at 9:12 a.m.

The board emerged from executive session at 10:01 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Pipersburgh made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Waite seconded. The motion passed, 4-0. Mr. LeHew adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Minutes approved on February 27, 2004

Dennis Seavers, Executive Director