

IOWA ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD

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Carole Tillotson
Jonathan Roos
Mary Rueter

MINUTES OPEN SESSION MAY 31, 2012 - 3:30 PM TELEPHONIC JESSIE PARKER BUILDING 510 EAST 12TH, Ste 1A DES MOINES, IA

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting is called to order by Chair James Albert at 3:35 p.m.

Members present: James Albert, Mary Rueter, Carole Tillotson, Jonathan Roos, Saima Zafar. There is a quorum.

Staff present: Director Megan Tooker and Sharon Wright, Administrative Assistant.

Also present: Jason Noble of the Des Moines Register.

Pursuant to 21.8 of the Code of Iowa, the meeting is held telephonically because of the impossibility and impracticability of convening an in-person meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Motion by Tillotson, second by Zafar, to defer approval of April 27, 2012 meeting minutes to next in-person Board meeting.

III. ADVISORY OPINION REQUEST

Reynolds for Senate Committee is asking for an opinion on whether it is permissible for a lieutenant governor candidate to establish a campaign committee.

Motion by Zafar, second by Roos, to approve proposed opinion to allow lieutenant governor candidates to establish separate committee. All ayes by roll call vote.

IV. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Tillotson, second by Rueter, to adjourn to closed session to discuss pending complaints as provided in Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(c) and (g). All ayes by roll call at 3:42 pm

V. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Zafar, second by Tillotson, to return to open session. All ayes by roll call at 4:35 p.m.

VI. FINAL ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

- A. Formal complaint against Wayne Grooters – alleged use of government resources for political purposes

Motion by Zafar, second by Tillotson, to dismiss complaint and issue educational letter. All ayes, motion carries.

- B. Informal complaint against Barbara Berge- alleged use of government resources for political purposes

Motion by Roos, second by Rueter, to reprimand and issue \$100 civil penalty. All ayes, motion carries.

- C. Formal complaint against Joel Miller- alleged use of government resources for political purposes

Motion by Rueter, second by Zafar, to dismiss complaint. All ayes, motion carries.

- D. Formal complaint against Tom Slockett - alleged use of government resources for political purposes

Motion by Zafar, second by Rueter, to reprimand and refer to county attorney for conflict of interest determination. All ayes, motion carries.

VII. ADJOURN

Motion by Zafar, second by Tillotson, to adjourn. All ayes, motion carries. Meeting adjourns at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Wright, Board Secretary

