

SPENDING AND GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY (SAGE) COMMISSION

Thursday, August 27, 2009
Grant Sawyer State Office Building, Room 1100
555 E. Washington Street, Las Vegas, NV
10:00 am

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Bruce James, Don Ahern, Barbara Campbell, Robert Feldman, Robert Forbuss, Randy Garcia, David Goldwater, Stephen Greathouse, Steven Hill, Jerome Snyder, Carole Vilaro

Absent: Jan Jones, Howard Putnam, Jim Thornton

Also present: Frank Partlow (Executive Director), Perry Comeaux (Deputy Director), Suzanne Kilgore (General Manager)

I. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.

Chairman James called the Meeting to order at 10:05 am and roll call confirmed a quorum of Commissioners was present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 23, 2009 COMMISSION MEETING.

It was noted that Ray Bacon should be identified as representing the Nevada Manufacturers Association.

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the Minutes of the July 23, 2009 Commission Meeting as amended. Commissioner Campbell seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DRAFT PROPOSALS A-F AS POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO INCLUDE IN THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR.

a) DRAFT PROPOSAL A – DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS INTERMEDIATE SANCTION FACILITIES

It was agreed in discussion that the explanation should specify the costs would be borne by offenders “to the extent that they are able.” **Commissioner Ahern moved to adopt Proposal A as amended. Commissioner Campbell seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously and will be submitted to the Governor as Recommendation #31.**

b) DRAFT PROPOSAL B – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

It was agreed in discussion that the language in the Recommendation would be amended to be more specific. **Commissioner Garcia moved to adopt Proposal B as amended. Commissioner Vilaro seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously and will be submitted to the Governor as Recommendation #32.**

c) DRAFT PROPOSAL C – IFC OVERSIGHT THRESHOLD

It was agreed in discussion that the formula used to determine the new IFC threshold levels would be added to the explanation. **Commissioner Goldwater moved that Proposal C be adopted as amended. Commissioner Vilaro seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously and will be submitted to the Governor as Recommendation #33.**

d) DRAFT PROPOSAL D – CROSS TRAINING OF PERSONNEL

It was agreed that Commissioner Garcia would assist Personnel Task Force Chairperson Jones in organizing a meeting with Department Directors to discuss this proposal and bring it back to the September meeting.

e) DRAFT PROPOSAL E – DOIT EXEMPTIONS

It was agreed that further review of the need for exemptions of critical programs versus redundancy of basic services would be conducted and this proposal would be considered again at the September meeting. It was noted that the Information Technology Advisory Board (ITAB), when reinstated, should set priorities for the next three years as part of the strategic planning process

f) DRAFT PROPOSAL F – VOIP COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORM

It was agreed that this proposal should be expanded to include invitations to cities and counties and will be considered again at the September meeting.

At 12:05 pm Chairman James called for a lunch break. The meeting resumed at 12:25 pm.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND COMMISSION DISCUSSION REGARDING UPCOMING WORK PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SAGE COMMISSION. CHAIRMAN (ACTION)

Chairman James noted that fundraising efforts were being stepped up and he asked Commission members to contact him with any ideas in this regard. Executive Director Partlow reported that proposals are now being developed on pharmaceutical management, NDOT maintenance stations, a central grants office, managed care versus care management and the budget process. Commissioner Ahern reported his Task Force is working on a proposal to reorganize the Department of Corrections (DOC) to include parole and probation programs now overseen by different departments and divisions. Another proposal to consider privatization of health care in prisons will also be presented at the September meeting.

V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE SUGGESTIONS TO THE SAGE COMMISSION CONTAINED IN THE AUGUST 7, 2009, LETTER FROM CRAIG ENGLE, ARENT FOX. CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ACTION).

This item was not addressed as Commission discussion on other issues had addressed the subject.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION. TIME LIMIT, THREE MINUTES PER PERSON. NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON A MATTER RAISED UNDER THIS AGENDA ITEM UNTIL THE MATTER ITSELF HAS BEEN SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED ON AN AGENDA AS AN ITEM ON WHICH ACTION WILL BE TAKEN. CHAIRMAN.

Knight Allen of Las Vegas, Nevada complimented the Commissioner on their body of work to date. He presented the Commission with statistics on average earnings by industry sector for 1979, 1986 and 2008 to illustrate his point about state employee salaries being competitive.

VII. ADJOURNMENT. (ACTION)

At 1:50 pm Commissioner Goldwater moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Greathouse seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.