

SPENDING AND GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY (SAGE) COMMISSION

Friday, October 23, 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, Robert Feldman, Robert Forbuss, Randy Garcia, Stephen Greathouse, Steven Hill, Jan Jones, Howard Putnam, Jerome Snyder, Carole Vilardo
Absent: Barbara Smith Campbell, David Goldwater, Jim Thornton
Also present: Frank Partlow (Executive Director), Perry Comeaux (Deputy Director), Suzanne Kilgore (General Manager), Andrew Clinger, Nevada State Budget Director.

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.

Chairman James directed that parts of Agenda Item 3 would be addressed first.

III. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DRAFT PROPOSALS AS POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCLUDE IN THE DECEMBER 31, 2009 REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR.

c) DRAFT PROPOSAL C - RELOCATION OF STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Commissioner Ahern, Chair of the Task Force, noted that locating prison facilities closer to urban areas would make a local work force available and facilitate more economical delivery of other services such as medical care. In addition, family visitations will be facilitated. Exchange of the existing Lovelock and Ely prison facilities to private operators would ensure continued economic support to those rural communities.

Commissioner Ahern moved to adopt Proposal C as presented. Commissioner Vilardo seconded the Motion. The motion carried unanimously and will be submitted to the Governor as Recommendation #36.

a) DRAFT PROPOSAL A - PRIVATIZATION OF DOC MEDICAL SERVICES

Commissioner Ahern moved to adopt Proposal A as presented. Commissioner Vilardo seconded the Motion. The motion carried unanimously and will be submitted to the Governor as Recommendation #37.

Chairman James directed that Agenda Item 5 would be considered next.

V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DEVELOPING A SAGE PROPOSAL REGARDING THE STATE BUDGET PROCESS.

Deputy Director Comeaux introduced Nevada State Budget Director Andrew Clinger and thanked him for his time. The Budget Process discussion memo prepared by Mr. Comeaux was discussed. Mr. Comeaux and Mr. Clinger answered questions from Commissioners. An explanation of the Arkansas budget process was discussed in detail. Commissioner consensus favored preparation of a Proposal on the Budget Process for consideration at the December, 2009 meeting.

Chairman James called for a lunch break at Noon. The meeting resumed at 12:30 pm with discussion of possible items for future consideration. Commissioner Garcia noted he is working with Commissioner Campbell to develop a proposal regarding food distribution through non-profits in the state. Commissioner Feldman distributed statistical information on employer and employee health care premium cost shares.

Chairman James directed that Agenda Item 2 be addressed next.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 COMMISSION MEETING.

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the Minutes of the September 24, 2009 Commission Meeting as presented. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission then returned to Agenda Item 3.

b) DRAFT PROPOSAL B - CROSS TRAINING FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

Deputy Director Comeaux noted that a meeting had been held with many Agency directors to discuss this idea and there was consensus that it could be valuable both within departments and across agency lines where similar work is performed. Restrictions could be addressed. Task Force Chairman Jones noted that coordination between departments could be developed.

Commissioner Hill moved to adopt Proposal B as presented. Commissioner Putnam seconded the Motion. The Motion carried unanimously and will be submitted to the Governor as Recommendation #38.

d) DRAFT PROPOSAL D - GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

General Manager Suzanne Kilgore presented background on the proposal to establish a statewide grants process coordinator and communication system. The proposal includes concepts discussed at a roundtable meeting of state employees involved in the grants process. Commissioners requested that an estimate of enhanced grant revenue be added to the proposal for consideration at the December 10, 2009 meeting.

e) DRAFT PROPOSAL E - NDOT MAINTENANCE STATIONS

Commissioner Vilardo moved that Proposal E be adopted as presented. Commissioner Greathouse seconded the Motion. The Motion carried unanimously and will be submitted to the Governor as Recommendation #39.

f) DRAFT PROPOSAL F - NDOT EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner Vilardo moved that Proposal F be adopted as presented. Commissioner Hill seconded the Motion. The Motion carried unanimously and will be submitted to the Governor as Recommendation #40.

Chairman James noted that Agenda Item 4 would not be addressed.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND COMMISSION DISCUSSION REGARDING SAGE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE REEMPHASIZED IN THE CHAIRMAN'S FINAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR. COMMISSIONERS, CHAIRMAN, STAFF.

There was general discussion about Commission sentiments to be included in the final report. Chairman James stated he would take Commissioner comments into consideration and the report would be discussed again at the December 10, 2009 meeting.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION.

There were no public comments.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT.

At 2:10 pm Commissioner Vilardo moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Greathouse seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.