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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OPEN SESSION

Tuesday, November 27, 2007
2:04 p.m.

Legal Services Corporation
3333 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Frank B. Strickland, Chairman
- Lillian R. BeVier, Vice Chairman
- Jonann Chiles
- Thomas A. Fuentes
- Herbert S. Garten
- Michael D. McKay
- Thomas R. Meites
- Sarah M. Singleton
- Helaine M. Barnett, ex officio

1 STAFF AND PUBLIC PRESENT:

2 David L. Richardson, Treasurer and Comptroller
Victor M. Fortuno, Vice President for Legal Affairs,

3 General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary

Patricia D. Batie, Manager of Board Operations

4 Karen Sarjeant, Vice President for Programs and
Compliance

5 Charles Jeffress, Chief Administrative Officer

Ronald "Dutch" Merryman, Acting Inspector General

6 Laurie Tarantowicz, Assistant Inspector General and
Legal Counsel

7 John Constance, Director, Office of Government
Relations and Public Affairs

8 John C. Meyer, Director, Office of Information
Management

9 Katherine Ward, Executive Assistant, Office of Legal
Affairs

10 Linda Perle, Center for Law & Social Policy (CLASP)

11 Don Saunders, National Legal Aid and Defenders
Association (NLADA)

12 Julie Strandlie, American Bar Association (ABA)

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2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Let me call to order a
3 meeting of the board of directors of the Legal Services
4 Corporation for Tuesday, November 27, 2007, pursuant to
5 a notice published in the Federal Register.

6 This is the open session of that meeting. And
7 I would like to note for the record all those who are
8 present on the call. I'll ask each person to speak up,
9 please, so the reporter can confirm your attendance.
10 And this is Frank Strickland. So somebody else speak
11 up and let's go down the list.

12 MS. BeVIER: Lillian BeVier.

13 MS. CHILES: Jonann Chiles.

14 MS. SINGLETON: Sarah Singleton.

15 MR. GARTEN: Am I still with you?

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes. Herb Garten?

17 MR. GARTEN: Yes. I'm in the comfortable
18 chair at the West Palm Beach airport, so I'm with you
19 for the rest of the duration.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Great.

21 Other board members?

22 MR. McKAY: Mike McKay.

1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Tom Fuentes, are you
2 still with us?

3 MR. FUENTES: Yes, sir.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And Sarah Singleton?

5 MS. SINGLETON: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any other board members?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Let's --

9 MS. BARNETT: Mr. Chairman, may I tell you
10 who's in the conference room?

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Please.

12 MS. BARNETT: In the conference room is Pat
13 Batie; Katherine Ward, Vic Fortuno's new executive
14 assistant; John Constance; Laurie Tarantowicz; Dutch
15 Merryman; Vic Fortuno; Charles Jeffress; John Meyer,
16 and Karen Sarjeant is on the telephone. And this is
17 Helaine.

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Welcome,
19 everybody, to our conference call meeting.

20 The first item of business is approval of the
21 agenda. Is there any objection to approval of the
22 agenda as published?

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Hearing none, I'll
3 declare the agenda approved. And I trust that everyone
4 has a copy of the agenda.

5 The primary purpose of the open session of the
6 call, of the meeting, is to consider and act on the
7 board of directors' response to the Inspector General's
8 Semiannual Report to Congress for the period of April
9 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007.

10 And all of you should have received
11 electronically a draft of that document. Has everyone,
12 that is, board members, had a chance to receive and
13 review the electronic version of that document?

14 MS. SINGLETON: Yes.

15 MS. BeVIER: Yes.

16 MR. GARTEN: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. I have made
18 a couple of minor suggested edits, which I will call to
19 your attention.

20 A cover letter, that is, a preface, where in
21 the last paragraph it says, "I am pleased to transmit,"
22 I've suggested we change that to read, "We are pleased

1 to transmit." It's the text that we've used in
2 previous transmittals. That why I was taking out the
3 "I" and substituting "we."

4 And then I'm just paging down here to another
5 minor change. Charles, do you remember exactly where
6 that is?

7 MR. JEFFRESS: Well, page 20, I think --

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Which changed my middle
9 initial.

10 MR. JEFFRESS: Yes.

11 MS. BeVIER: These are important.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: A minor point.

13 MR. JEFFRESS: On page 23 is the middle
14 initial, Frank, first paragraph on page 23.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And another page -- I
16 don't know the page number -- but it said "October
17 first," f-i-r-s-t. I suggested changing that to
18 "October 1," the number 1.

19 MS. BARNETT: Page 25.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Page 25. And
21 then there was another. A couple of pages later, we
22 refer to 138 programs. I raised the question whether

1 it's supposed to be 137. But for the period in
2 question, it may well be 138.

3 MR. JEFFRESS: Yes. For that particular
4 paragraph on page 27, at the top of page 27, we started
5 out the year with 138 programs. So we used 138 there,
6 even though with the termination of American Samoa,
7 we're now down to 137.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Later on
9 that page -- I don't seem to have page numbers. But
10 later on that same page, in the paragraph beginning
11 with -- it's under a caption called Review of 2008
12 Grant Proposals Underway.

13 And I had suggested in the second paragraph
14 under there, after the words "the revised assurances"
15 to insert "for 2008." And then put a period at the end
16 of -- after the word "process," leave the rest of the
17 sentence off. After you insert the words "for 2008," I
18 think it's redundant to have the rest of the sentence
19 in there.

20 So I think those are all of my suggested
21 edits. Is that right, Charles?

22 MR. JEFFRESS: Yes. I believe that's all of

1 yours. And we have one more. On page 29, since this
2 draft went out, four more local boards have adopted
3 resolutions. So we now have 56 grantees adopting pro
4 bono resolutions on page 29 instead of 52.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

6 MS. SARJEANT: Frank, this is Karen Sarjeant.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Hey, Karen.

8 MS. SARJEANT: How are you?

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Good.

10 MS. SARJEANT: On page 27, in the paragraph
11 that begins, "In March" --

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes.

13 MS. SARJEANT: -- I think the correct language
14 there should be "LSC terminated funding."

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Instead of "suspended"?

16 MS. SARJEANT: Instead of "suspended." I'm
17 sorry I missed that earlier.

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: That's fine. I say it's
19 okay. If I don't hear any objection, I'm going to
20 assume that other board members concur that that change
21 is acceptable.

22 Any other proposed changes in the draft?

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. I raised at
3 the very beginning on the caption page, where we say
4 "Semiannual Reports," plural, have we previously used
5 reports or singular, report?

6 MR. JEFFRESS: We have previously reports
7 since the publication has included the OIG report and
8 the board of directors report.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So the plural reference
10 is correct, then?

11 MR. JEFFRESS: Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Fine with me.

13 All right. Is there any other discussion
14 about the board of directors response?

15 MS. SINGLETON: Could you go back to that last
16 point?

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: My point?

18 MS. SINGLETON: No. The point about reports.
19 Who are the two reports from, then?

20 MR. JEFFRESS: One is from the --

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: As I understand it, it's
22 from Legal Services Corporation Office of the Inspector

1 General and the board of directors.

2 MR. JEFFRESS: But they are separate reports.
3 The inspector general report has already been issued,
4 and this report, what you're looking at now, is the
5 board's response. This particular cover would have
6 both reports behind this cover.

7 MR. GARTEN: Didn't you bind the inspector
8 general report to this in the past?

9 MR. JEFFRESS: Yes. Yes.

10 MS. BARNETT: It's one document that includes
11 both when we transmit it on Friday.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: It's all in one binder.
13 Is that right?

14 MS. BARNETT: That's correct.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Both the board's report
16 and the OIG's report?

17 MS. BARNETT: That's correct.

18 MS. BeVIER: That's why the numbering on ours
19 doesn't start till 19.

20 MR. JEFFRESS: That's correct. The first 18
21 pages are the OIG report.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And this is

1 consistent -- I must admit I was a little confused by
2 the use of the term reports. But maybe I just forgot
3 how we had referred to it before. But I take it this
4 is consistent with prior presentations of the same
5 information to the Congress. Is that right?

6 MS. BARNETT: Yes. That's correct.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right.

8 MR. GARTEN: There's a table of contents that
9 clearly shows that.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Right. Any further
11 question, comment, or discussion about the draft
12 report?

13 MR. McKAY: Mike McKay. Turning to page 24,
14 the section in the middle of the page where we have our
15 "Response to OIG Investigation of the Potential False
16 Statements to Congress," what we have there is
17 certainly fine with me.

18 I'm wondering if we have taken any steps to
19 make sure this doesn't happen again, or reduce the
20 possibility of this happening again, or probability,
21 such as having one last read-through by the general
22 counsel or by counsel.

1 Helaine, have we done anything? I mean,
2 obviously this was not intentional. We know it was
3 going on. We were hit with a ton of requests with a
4 tight timeline, and some information went to Congress
5 that was not completely accurate. Have you put into
6 place any procedures to maybe build in some more
7 safeguards?

8 MS. BARNETT: We do not have any written
9 procedures. But the procedures that we are following
10 going forward are requiring to see the backup
11 documentation at the time that we made any submissions.

12 MR. MCKAY: And that's something you put into
13 place -- again, it doesn't have to be in writing, and I
14 don't mean to suggest otherwise. But is that something
15 that you put into place after this incident?

16 MS. BARNETT: This incident caused us to do
17 that, yes.

18 MR. MCKAY: Right. Well, I'm wondering if
19 might be appropriate to just simply say -- add one more
20 sentence that would say that, you know, management have
21 taken certain steps to make sure this doesn't happen
22 again or reduce the probability of this happening

1 again, something to that effect.

2 I just don't feel comfortable with our
3 response saying, as soon as we found the mistake, we
4 responded to Congress, as that being our closing
5 comment. I'd like us to tell Congress that we did what
6 we did, and that is we've taken certain steps to reduce
7 the probability of this happening again, without going
8 into detail.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Do we want
10 to compose that sentence with some particularity right
11 now so we can be satisfied with it?

12 MR. McKAY: Why don't you give me a second, if
13 we can move on to something else, and I'll come back
14 with something shortly.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right.

16 MS. BeVIER: This is Lillian. I'm sort of
17 inclined on that particular sentence as well. I don't
18 know how to do this, and I realize that LSC
19 management -- there's no evidence that LSC management
20 knowingly provided false statements to Congress.

21 I actually think that it's much stronger than
22 that. What was discovered was that it was obviously a

1 mistake, and solely unintentional. And I for one would
2 be content to have that aspect of that finding
3 emphasized.

4 And I do understand Mike's point about making
5 sure it's clear that we're not going to let it happen
6 again. But I also think the extent of the -- whatever
7 problem there was ought to be made very clear. It was
8 a mistake. It was a completely innocent mistake. And
9 to the extent that it resulted in any financial
10 detriment to LSC, that was recompensed immediately upon
11 the discovery of the mistake.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Are you suggesting that
13 we say all that?

14 MS. BeVIER: No. Of course not. But I guess
15 what I'm first interested in is whether anybody else on
16 the board shares that view, or whether we just should
17 have it be least said, soonest mended, which is another
18 way to handle it.

19 But I'd sort of like it to be -- my own sense
20 would be I'd be happy if other members of the board
21 thought that, at the very least, maybe you could put in
22 a sentence: There's no evidence that LSC management

1 knowingly provided false statements to Congress;
2 indeed, the evidence is that whatever false statements
3 were made were completely innocent and the product of
4 an innocent mistake.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Are you suggesting that
6 we include that wording, Lillian?

7 MS. BeVIER: Yes, I am.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right.

9 MS. SINGLETON: I think we need to make it
10 clear that that is the board's opinion.

11 MS. BeVIER: Yes.

12 MS. SINGLETON: Because I wouldn't read the
13 OIG's report as going that far.

14 MS. BeVIER: Okay. Well, I would say that
15 that is the board's opinion, then, because this is the
16 board's report. The board is convinced that.

17 Do you want me to do some lang?

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes.

19 MR. FUENTES: Mr. Chairman, I think that it's
20 set in 24. Let's read what that sentence is. "During
21 this reporting period, the board received the OIG's
22 report on the investigation of potential false

1 statements to Congress with the OIG's conclusion that
2 there is no evidence that LSC's management knowingly
3 provided false statements to Congress." I think that
4 goes about as far as I want to go.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Does anybody
6 else have any comment on that?

7 MR. GARTEN: The next sentence sort of
8 indicates that we did provide information that was
9 inaccurate.

10 MS. BeVIER: We did. But they were -- but it
11 was completely -- it was a mistake.

12 MR. GARTEN: Well, then, why don't we say
13 "mistakenly inaccurate"?

14 MS. BeVIER: Oh, okay.

15 MR. GARTEN: The word "mistakenly" in front of
16 "inaccurate." Is that --

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: That's fine with me.

18 MS. BeVIER: I just dropped my phone, so what
19 did others say after Herb said, why don't we just say
20 "mistakenly inaccurate"?

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: No one said anything.
22 He just suggested inserting the word "mistakenly"

1 because the words "was" and "inaccurate."

2 MR. GARTEN: You seem to be in favor of that.

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes. That's fine with
4 me. Is that acceptable to the board?

5 MS. CHILES: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: To insert that
7 additional word?

8 MS. CHILES: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: As opposed to drafting
10 some additional -- and Mike McKay is working on some
11 additional wording about -- which he'll give us in a
12 moment that I presume would be the follow-on sentence
13 to the paragraph we're examining at the moment.

14 MR. MCKAY: Correct.

15 MR. GARTEN: It may not be necessary.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: We'll see when he comes
17 back to us.

18 MR. MEITES: Hello?

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Is that Tom Meites?

20 MR. MEITES: Yes. I'm here. Late, but here.

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: We will mark you
22 present. Thank you for joining us.

1 MR. MEITES: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: We are just -- we've
3 made a few edits to the draft response.

4 MR. MEITES: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: We're still in the
6 discourse of the open meeting. And we are now working
7 on a paragraph on page 24 with the bold caption,
8 "Response to OIG Investigation of Potential False
9 Statement to Congress."

10 MR. MEITES: Got it. Go ahead. Go ahead.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: That's where we are.

12 MS. SINGLETON: Frank?

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes? Go ahead, Sarah.

14 MS. SINGLETON: In terms of the discussion we
15 were having about whether or not to include a sentence
16 such as Lillian suggested about the board believes that
17 the mistakes were innocent, I personally would be
18 willing to subscribe to such a statement. But I am not
19 sure I want to put it into a report to Congress because
20 I think it might serve as a red flag, and rather than
21 putting an end to this particular problem or incident,
22 it might just fuel fire.

1 So I'm somewhat reluctant to include the
2 sentence, although I do support the sentiment.

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I support the sentiment
4 as well. And I think maybe we can deal with it with
5 insertion of the word -- or do you agree with the idea
6 of inserting the word "mistakenly"?

7 MS. SINGLETON: Yes. And I personally would
8 be willing to go even farther. But I'm not sure it's
9 good to put in this report to Congress.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: You may be right.

11 MS. BeVIER: Even the word "mistakenly,"
12 Sarah?

13 MS. SINGLETON: No. I like "mistakenly" I
14 think that's fine.

15 MS. BeVIER: Okay. No, I'm as content to
16 leave the other out myself, too.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Then the
18 only thing, Tom Meites, unless we have some suggestions
19 from you -- do we?

20 MR. MEITES: No. I agree with the changes
21 proposed, and let's proceed.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. We made some

1 very minor changes to the text that -- we'd be glad to
2 go over those for you if you'd like.

3 MR. MEITES: No. That's okay. Just pick up
4 where you're at.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Did someone else join
6 us?

7 MS. STRANDLIE: Yes. It's Julie Strandlie.
8 Hi, Frank.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Hey, Julie. How are
10 you?

11 MS. STRANDLIE: Good. How are you?

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Julie, we're just
13 discussing on page 24 -- under "Response to OIG
14 Investigation," et cetera, we're considering the
15 addition of a sentence that Mike McKay is working on as
16 we speak.

17 MS. STRANDLIE: Okay.

18 MR. MCKAY: And I'm ready to go when you want
19 to.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. We're ready
21 for your sentence.

22 MR. MCKAY: This would be the last sentence to

1 that paragraph. "Steps have been taken to
2 significantly reduce the chance of this occurring
3 again."

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: That's it?

5 MR. McKAY: Yes.

6 MS. SINGLETON: Would you consider
7 putting -- substituting the word "safeguards" for the
8 word "steps"?

9 MR. McKAY: Sure.

10 MS. BeVIER: "Have been implemented."

11 MR. McKAY: Right.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: "Have been implemented."

13 Okay. That's fine with me.

14 MS. BeVIER: And instead of "this," just
15 "this," could you say "for a mistake of this kind
16 happening again"?

17 MR. McKAY: All right.

18 MS. BeVIER: Or is that too much?

19 MR. McKAY: Yes. That's fine with me.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. If you don't
21 mind, Mike, if you would reread it as amended.

22 "Safeguards have been" --

1 MR. McKAY: "Safeguards have been implemented
2 to significantly reduce the chance of a mistake of this
3 kind occurring again."

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Is that
5 additional sentence acceptable to everyone?

6 MR. FUENTES: Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Hearing no
8 objection, then, is there any other discussion on the
9 draft as it has been amended?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Hearing
12 none, let's -- I would entertain a motion to approve
13 the revised draft response, and move it from a draft to
14 the board's response. Is there such a motion?

15 M O T I O N

16 MS. SINGLETON: So moved, by Sarah Singleton.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Is there a second?

18 MR. GARTEN: Second, by Herb Garten.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Any further
20 discussion on the motion?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Hearing none, all those

1 in favor of the motion, please say aye.

2 (A chorus of ayes.)

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Opposed, nay.

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: It's unanimous, and the
6 board's response is approved. Next is --

7 MS. BARNETT: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman.

8 Mr. Chairman?

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: -- consider and act on
10 other business. Is there any other business?

11 MS. BARNETT: Mr. Chairman, I'd just like to
12 note for the record that David Richardson joined us.

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you. And welcome,
14 David.

15 MR. FUENTES: Mr. Chairman, just for the
16 record --

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes, sir?

18 MR. FUENTES: -- the agenda had one telephone
19 number for call-in instructions, and then we received
20 an e-mail with another call-in number. Is there any
21 chance that any board member or public was excluded by
22 virtue of this two postings of numbers? And did we

1 take an effort or action to try to avoid and correct
2 that? I didn't quite understand why it was that we had
3 two different numbers for the phone-in session.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Oh, I misunderstood. I
5 thought the problem number was on the closed sessions.
6 I could be wrong.

7 MR. FUENTES: Well, what I had was the agenda
8 that was sent to me had a 678 area code number to call
9 in.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Which is -- that's my
11 number.

12 MR. FUENTES: And then subsequently, I
13 received an e-mail to say, call in on an 800 number,
14 which is the one I am talking to you on.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Right.

16 MR. FUENTES: And I was wondering whether
17 anybody may have tried to get in on the 678 number and
18 been excluded from participation. Did we or staff take
19 adequate effort to try to resolve that? I just don't
20 want anybody to come back to the board and have us
21 accused of consciously not having this fully an open
22 number. So I'd like to clarify that for the record, is

1 all I'm trying to do.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Well, thank you for
3 that, Tom. And let me ask the staff to tell us what
4 steps were taken and what communication was made to
5 clarify the correct number. Who could comment on that?

6 MS. BATIE: Mr. Chairman, this is Pat Batie.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes, Pat?

8 MS. BATIE: I would like to do so. I was out
9 of the office briefly and at the time that the Federal
10 Register notice was issued. And there was an error
11 made initially in the notice before it went to the
12 Federal Register, and it indeed included your phone
13 number as the call-in number.

14 Only the board apparently received a copy of
15 that notice. The notice that was published in the
16 Federal Register did in fact have the correct 1-800
17 number on it, Mr. Fuentes, in response to your
18 question. So that is what happened. That was the
19 confusion that occurred in my absence regarding the
20 phone number.

21 Just to give you a little bit more
22 information, when we arrange these phone numbers, we

1 have to designate a call leader. And often
2 Mr. Strickland is designated as the call leader. He
3 was in this case. When we received the conference call
4 information from the provider, the call leader's name
5 and phone number appear first. The young lady that
6 handled this for us is a temporary, and she is not
7 familiar with Mr. Strickland's number, and she thought
8 that that was the call-in number.

9 So it was an unusual circumstance. I
10 apologize for the confusion. But the public did
11 receive the correct call-in information.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Tom, does
13 that --

14 MR. FUENTES: I think that's very
15 satisfactory, and I think it's good for us to just have
16 it on the record.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Good. I
18 appreciate your bringing it to our attention, and I
19 hope that was a satisfactory explanation. And it
20 appears that when it finally got to the Federal
21 Register, it was correct.

22 All right. Is there any public comment?

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Hearing none, the next
3 item is to consider and act on whether to authorize an
4 executive session of the board to consider and act on a
5 response to the U.S. Government Accountability Office's
6 draft report on LSC's oversight and management of LSC
7 grants to legal services programs.

8 Is there a motion to authorize an executive
9 session?

10 M O T I O N

11 MS. SINGLETON: Sarah Singleton moves that we
12 authorize an executive session.

13 MS. CHILES: Jonann Chiles seconds.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Any
15 discussion on the motion?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Let's proceed to a vote,
18 then. All those in favor of the motion, please say
19 aye.

20 (A chorus of ayes.)

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Opposed, nay.

22 (No response.)

1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: The ayes have it, and
2 we've adopted a resolution to go into executive
3 session. And it will be necessary for us to ring off
4 from this call, and we have instructions for another
5 call-in number. And I would suggest, then, that we do
6 just that.

7 MR. MEITES: Frank, before you hang up, this
8 is Tom. In case, we can't get through, could we have
9 Pat Batie's telephone so we can call her?

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Pat, would you provide
11 your cell phone number?

12 MS. BATIE: Yes. That number is (202)
13 409-5129.

14 MR. MEITES: Thanks, Pat. And we'll hang up
15 now, then.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Thank you,
17 everyone.

18 (Whereupon, at 2:31 p.m., the board meeting
19 adjourned to executive session.)

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