

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SUNSHINE ACT MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH
COMMITTEE

OPEN SESSION

Thursday, February 20, 1997

9:10 a.m.

The Legal Services Corporation
750 First Street, N.E., 11th Floor
THE BOARD ROOM
Washington, D.C. 20002

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John T. Broderick, Jr., Chair
Hulett "Bucky" Askew
LaVeeda M. Battle
Hon. John N. Erlenborn
Maria Luisa Mercado
Ernestine P. Watlington

ADVISORY MEMBERS:

Joseph Bartylak
Martha W. Barnett
Julie Clark

OTHER DIRECTORS:

Thomas F. Smegal, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT:

Victor Fortuno, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

ALSO PRESENT:

John Isaacson
Alan Wichlei
Susan Carnaff

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 CHAIR BRODERICK: This is John Broderick, and
3 I wonder if the people on this call could identify
4 themselves so at least we'll all know who's with us.

5 MS. BARNETT: This is Martha Barnett from
6 Florida on the Advisory Committee.

7 MS. MERCADO: Maria Luisa Mercado from the
8 Board.

9 MS. WATLINGTON: Ernestine Watlington from the
10 Board.

11 MR. ASKEW: Bucky Askew from the Board.

12 MR. ERLNBORN: John Erlenborn from the Board.

13 MS. CLARK: Julie Clark from the Advisory
14 Committee.

15 MR. FORTUNO: And Victor Fortunato, general
16 counsel.

17 MR. BARTYLAK: Joseph Bartylak from the
18 Advisory Committee.

19 MR. ISAACSON: John Isaacson from the firm.

20 MR. WICHLEI: Alan Wichlei from the firm.

21 CHAIR BRODERICK: There's nobody else on the
22 line. Victor, you're with us, obviously.

1 MR. FORTUNO: Yes.

2 CHAIR BRODERICK: Well, I suggest we should
3 begin. Because I think we'll have a fairly lengthy
4 discussion this morning.

5 I think, Maria, you had to leave at 10 o'clock
6 or something like that?

7 MS. MERCADO: Yeah. I have to leave just a
8 few minutes before 9:00, because I have a flight to
9 catch in Houston.

10 CHAIR BRODERICK: Well, what time is it where
11 you are?

12 MS. MERCADO: It's a little past 8:00, so I
13 need to leave here like about 8:45 or 10 till 9:00 to
14 get there on time.

15 CHAIR BRODERICK: Okay. Anybody else have a
16 time constraint similar to that?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIR BRODERICK: Well, why don't we start?
19 First of all, I would like to ask our counsel -- this
20 is John Broderick -- whether we have received the
21 notational vote to close a portion of this meeting?

22 MR. FORTUNO: Yes. We got a unanimous vote of

1 the Board, which is what's required. So we're all set.

2 CHAIR BRODERICK: The first item this morning,
3 very briefly, while we're in public session, approval
4 of the agenda. The agenda item that I have is rather
5 brief. I assume all of you have received it.

6 MR. BARTYLAK: Yes.

7 MS. BARNETT: I have not, John. This is
8 Martha.

9 MR. FORTUNO: Martha, it was faxed to you. I
10 got a call from your secretary yesterday -- this is Vic
11 -- and faxed the agenda to -- although it was faxed to
12 the number she gave me, which was your Tallahassee
13 office.

14 MS. BARNETT: I know she called you, Vic, but
15 by the time I last talked to her about 6:00 last night,
16 we didn't have anything.

17 CHAIR BRODERICK: Well, let me just recite it,
18 because it's very brief. The agenda item that I would
19 like your vote on while we're meeting is the discussion
20 with and direction to representatives of Isaacson
21 Miller, the independent search firm assisting the
22 committee to identify candidates for consideration for

1 the position of president of the Legal Services
2 Corporation about specific candidates for the position.
3 Individuals will be selected to be interviewed in
4 March.

5 MR. SMEGAL: Good morning, John.

6 CHAIR BRODERICK: Tom, good morning. Very
7 briefly, for your benefit, we have just started the
8 meeting. Martha Barnett, Ernestine, Maria, Bucky, John
9 Erlenborn, Julie Clark, Victor Fortuno, Joe Bartylak,
10 Alan Wichlei, and John Isaacson are on this call.

11 MR. SMEGAL: Thank you.

12 CHAIR BRODERICK: Anyway, Tom, I had just
13 recited because Martha did not have -- had not received
14 yet -- she had a copy of the agenda item for today,
15 which is the first item on our open session agenda, and
16 it needs to be approved. And so I would like to get a
17 vote on the agenda for today.

18 M O T I O N

19 MR. ASKEW: This is Askew. I move its
20 approval.

21 MS. WATLINGTON: Ernestine, second.

22 CHAIR BRODERICK: All those in favor?

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(Chorus of ayes.)

CHAIR BRODERICK: All those opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIR BRODERICK: The agenda passes.

The next item is the approval of the executive session minutes of November 22, 1996. If I could have a motion on those.

M O T I O N

MR. ERLENBORN: Move their approval, John Erlenborn.

CHAIR BRODERICK: Is there a second?

MR. ASKEW: Second, Askew.

CHAIR BRODERICK: All those in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

CHAIR BRODERICK: All those opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIR BRODERICK: The motion passes.

The third item is the approval of the minutes for the January 22, 1997, meeting, which would have been our telephone conference. And there's a motion to approve them?

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MR. ASKEW: Askew moves its approval.

CHAIR BRODERICK: Second?

MR. ERLENBORN: Erlenborn, second.

CHAIR BRODERICK: All those in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

CHAIR BRODERICK: All those opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIR BRODERICK: Minutes are approved.

And finally, the approval of the executive session minutes of January 22, 1997. Is there a motion for approval?

M O T I O N

MS. MERCADO: Maria Luisa Mercado, move.

CHAIR BRODERICK: Second?

MR. ASKEW: Askew seconds.

CHAIR BRODERICK: All those in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

CHAIR BRODERICK: All those opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIR BRODERICK: The executive session minutes of January 22, 1997, are, therefore, approved.

1 Prior to going into executive session -- and I
2 want to confirm that there was a vote -- I'll look to
3 the direction of our counsel as to whether I need
4 another vote before I close it.

5 MR. FORTUNO: No, no need to take another
6 vote. What's required is a unanimous vote of the
7 Board, and you did get that. And so you're authorized
8 to go into executive session.

9 CHAIR BRODERICK: Before we do that, while
10 we're still on the record, so that it's clear why we're
11 going into executive session, we are in the process of
12 attempting to winnow a number of potential candidates
13 for the presidency of the Legal Services Corporation to
14 a smaller number. And the names that we'll be
15 discussing today are sensitive.

16 And I think it would cause an unwarranted
17 invasion of privacy in many cases and be
18 counterproductive for our mission if we were to discuss
19 these names publicly. And for that reason and because
20 of that circumstance, we are going to move into closed
21 session so we can have a more fruitful discussion and
22 not invade anyone's privacy rights.

1 (Whereupon, at 9:23 a.m., the meeting was
2 adjourned to executive session.)

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4 (10:41 a.m.)

5 CHAIR BRODERICK: We're back in open session.

6 MR. FORTUNO: I'll open the doors of Sunshine
7 at this end.

8 CHAIR BRODERICK: Thank you. Is there any
9 other business or public comment that we should hear at
10 this point?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIR BRODERICK: If not, then I guess I would
13 accept a motion to adjourn.

14 M O T I O N

15 MS. BATTLE: So moved. This is LaVeeda
16 Battle.

17 MR. ASKEW: Second, Askew.

18 CHAIR BRODERICK: All those in favor?

19 (Chorus of ayes.)

20 CHAIR BRODERICK: All those opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIR BRODERICK: Thank you all for

1 participating today. I think it was very valuable.
2 And thank you in Washington.

3 MR. ASKEW: John, I thought I would never say
4 it, but this was a good and productive conference call.
5 There hasn't been that many.

6 CHAIR BRODERICK: Actually, I think we covered
7 a lot of ground.

8 MR. ASKEW: We did.

9 MR. BARTYLAK: You run a good show, Broderick.

10 CHAIR BRODERICK: I'm better at a distance, I
11 find.

12 MR. BARTYLAK: Very judicial, don't you think?

13 CHAIR BRODERICK: Really, it has held me back
14 in life. I'm better on the phone.

15 MR. WICHLEI: Yeah, I understand that problem.
16 They get too close to you, they get worried.

17 CHAIR BRODERICK: They see me, they get shy.

18 MR. WICHLEI: I understand the problem.

19 CHAIR BRODERICK: In any event, I'll see you
20 all in Washington.

21 (Whereupon, at 10:46 a.m., the meeting of the
22 Presidential Search Committee was concluded.)