

**Legal Services Corporation
Meeting of the Operations and Regulations Committee**

Open Session

Friday, April 15, 2011

Chairman Charles N. W. Keckler convened an *open session* meeting of the Legal Services Corporation's (LSC) Operations and Regulations Committee at 1:52 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2011, at The Westin Hotel on 6631 West Broad Street in Richmond, Va.

The following committee members were present:

Charles N.W. Keckler, Chairman
Robert J. Grey, Jr.
Harry J.F. Korrell, III
Laurie I. Mikva

Other board members present were:

Sharon L. Browne
Victor B. Maddox (by telephone)
Martha L. Minow
Julie A. Reiskin
Gloria Valencia-Weber

Also present were:

James J. Sandman	President
Kathleen Connors	Executive Assistant to the President
Victor M. Fortuno	Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary
Katherine Ward	Executive Assistant, Office of Legal Affairs
Mattie Cohan	Senior Assistant General Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs (by telephone)
John A. Constance	Director, Office of Government Relations and Public Affairs
Jeffrey E. Schanz	Inspector General
Laurie Tarantowicz	Assistant Inspector General and Legal Counsel, Office of the Inspector General
Ronald "Dutch" Merryman	Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Office of the Inspector General
David Maddox	Assistant Inspector General for Management and Evaluation, Office of the Inspector General
Joel Gallay	Special Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General

Janet LaBella	Director, Office of Program Performance
Jeffrey J. Morningstar	Director, Office of Information Technology
Bristow Hardin	Program Analyst III, Office of Program Performance
Michael A. Genz	Program Counsel III, Office of Program Performance
John E. Whitfield	Executive Director, Blue Ridge Legal Services, Harrisonburg, Virginia
Don Saunders	National Legal Aid and Defenders Association (NLADA)
Linda Perle	Center for Law & Social Policy (CLASP)

The following is a summary of actions taken by and presentations made to the Committee:

Chairman Keckler called the *open session* meeting to order.

MOTION

Mr. Grey moved approval of the agenda and Ms. Mikva seconded.

VOTE

The motion passed with no objection.

MOTION

Ms. Mikva moved to approve the minutes from the committee's meeting of January 28, 2011, and Mr. Grey seconded the motion.

VOTE

The motion passed with no objection.

The committee considered the Draft Final Rule to 45 CFR part 1609, which would clarify LSC's regulation regarding fee-generating cases. Ms. Cohan presented on the results of the rulemaking process. Board members asked questions of Ms. Cohan. Chairman Keckler noted typographical errors in the Draft Final Rule and indicated he would send corrections to Ms. Cohan. Chairman Keckler invited public comment. Ms. Perle from the Center for Law and Social Policy spoke in support of the rule change.

MOTION

Mr. Grey moved to recommend that the Board adopt the final rule and Ms. Mikva seconded.

VOTE

The motion passed with no objection and the committee recommended that the Board adopt the final rule pending the correction of the typographical errors.

Mr. Constance and Mr. Hardin presented to the committee regarding LSC's need to change the data on which its formula for funding grantees is based, in light of the fact that the 2010 Census did not collect poverty data, and the need to seek legislative language to do so.

Board members asked questions of Mr. Constance and Mr. Hardin regarding the extent to which LSC has discretion in changing the basis of the funding formula, whether LSC has been working with other organizations that might be affected by the 2010 Census and whether the funding formula should be based entirely on poverty population.

Chairman Keckler invited public comment on the Census issue.

Mr. Saunders of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association offered comments on the issue.

Ms. Cohan presented on the status of LSC's strategic planning efforts.

Chairman Keckler invited public comment on the issue of strategic planning and there was none.

Chairman Keckler invited general public comment.

Mr. Saunders offered comments on LSC's Loan Repayment Assistance Program.

MOTION

Ms. Mikva moved to adjourn and Mr. Grey seconded.

VOTE

The motion passed with no objections.

The *open session* meeting of the committee adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes adopted by the Legal Services Corporation's Operations & Regulations Committee on July 20, 2011.



Victor M. Fortuno
Vice President for Legal Affairs,
General Counsel & Corporate Secretary