# Legal Services Corporation Meeting of the Board of Directors Open Session Tuesday, October 18, 2011

#### **MINUTES**

Chairman John G. Levi convened an *open session* meeting of the Legal Services Corporation's ("LSC") Board of Directors ("Board") on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 1:35 p.m. The meeting was held at the American Bar Association, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The following Board members were in attendance:

John G. Levi, Chairman
Martha L. Minow, Vice Chair
Sharon L. Browne
Charles N.W. Keckler
Harry J.F. Korrell, III
Victor B. Maddox
Laurie Mikva
Father Pius Pietrzyk, O.P.
Julie A. Reiskin
Gloria Valencia-Weber

#### Also in attendance 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
Mattie Cohan, Senior Assistant General Counsel,
Office of Legal Affairs
Katherine Ward, Executive Assistant, Office of
Legal Affairs

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David L. Richardson, Comptroller and Treasurer, Office of Financial and Administrative Services

John Constance, Director, Office of Government

**Relations and Public Affairs** 

Stephen Barr, Communications Director, Office of

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Jeffrey E. Schanz, Inspector General

Joel Gallay, Special Counsel to the Inspector General,

Office of the Inspector General

Ronald "Dutch" Merryman, Assistant Inspector General

for Audit, Office of the Inspector General

Thomas Coogan, Assistant Inspector General for

Investigations, Office of the Inspector General

David Maddox, Assistant Inspector General for

Management and Evaluation, Office of the

Inspector General

Janet LaBella, Director, Office of Program Performance

David de la Tour, Program Counsel III, Office of

Compliance and Enforcement (by telephone)

Robert E. Henley, Jr., Non-Director Member, LSC

Finance Committee

David H. Hoffman, Sidley Austin LLP, Non-Director

Member, LSC Audit Committee

Linda Perle, Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)

Don Saunders, National Legal Aid and Defenders

Association (NLADA)

Terry Brooks, American Bar Association Standing

Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants (SCLAID)

Robert E. Stein, American Bar Association SCLAID

Will Hornsey, American Bar Association

Tracy Loynachan, American Bar Association

Ruth Ann Schmitt, Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois (IOLTA)

The following summarizes actions taken by and presentations made to the Board:

#### **MOTION**

Dean Minow moved approval of the agenda. Mr. Grey seconded the motion

### **VOTE**

The motion passed by a voice vote and the agenda was approved.

#### **MOTION**

Ms. Browne moved approval of minutes of the Board's July 21, 2011 and September 19, 2011 open session meetings. Mr. Grey seconded the motion.

#### **VOTE**

The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

The Chairman's Report was given by Mr. Levi and was followed by Members' Reports from Ms. Mikva and Ms. Reiskin. The President's Report was given by James Sandman, who was assisted by Victor Fortuno, Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, and Janet LaBella, Vice President for Programs. The Inspector General's ("IG") Report was presented by Jeffrey Schanz. Ronald Merryman, Assistant IG for Audit, participated in the discussion.

Dean Minow gave the report of the Governance and Review Committee. Ms. Mikva gave the report of the Promotion and Provision for the Delivery of Legal Services Committee. Mr. Grey then presented the report of the Finance Committee and offered the following motion.

# **MOTION**

Mr. Grey moved that the Board adopt the proposed Temporary Operating Budget ("TOB") for fiscal year ("FY") 2012.

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### **VOTE**

The motion passed by a voice vote and a TOB was approved for FY 2012.

The report of the Audit Committee was given by Mr. Maddox, and was followed by the report of the Ops & Regs Committee given by Mr. Keckler.

Next, Chairman Levi commended the Fiscal Oversight Task Force for its work on behalf of the Corporation and turned to consideration of the Fiscal Oversight Task Force Report and public comments on the report received in response to a Federal Register Notice Soliciting comments. During the meeting David de la Tour, Program Counsel in the Office of Program Performance, provided additional comments in his capacity as President of LSC's employee Union.

Chairman Levi recognized Linda Perle, Director of Legal Services for the Center for Law and Social Policy, acknowledged her pending retirement and thanked her for her service to the Corporation, civil legal services community and the eligible clients.

Ruth Ann Schmidt, head of the Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois, addressed the Board after which Mr. Korrell gave the report of the Pro Bono Task Force. Terry Brooks and Tracy Loynachan of the American Bar Association participated in the discussion.

# **MOTION**

Dean Minow moved that the meeting be closed for an executive session. Mr. Maddox seconded the motion.

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## **VOTE**

The motion passed by a voice vote and the open session concluded at 3:45 p.m., after Chairman Levi's confirmed there was no further business to come before the Board in open session.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes adopted by the Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors on January 21, 2012.

Victor M. Fortuno

Vice President for Legal Affairs,

General Counsel & Corporate Secretary