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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OPERATIONS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 11, 2007
11:03 a.m.

TELEPHONIC

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas R. Meites, Chairman

Lillian R. BeVier

Jonann C. Chiles

David Hall

Michael D. McKay

Bernice Phillips

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sarah Singleton

Herbert S. Garten

Frank B. Strickland, Chairman of the Board

1 STAFF AND PUBLIC PRESENT:

2 Charles Jeffress, Chief Administrative Officer

Helaine Barnett, President

3 Victor Fortuno, Corporate Secretary

John Constance

4 Karen Sarjeant, Vice-President, Programs and Compliance

Stephanie Edelstein

5 Mattie Cohan

Matthew Glover, OIG

6 Patricia Batie, Manager, Board Operations

Linda Perle, CLASP

7 Charles Greenfield, Legal Aid of Hawaii

David L. Richardson, Treasurer and Controller

8 John Eidleman

Laurie Tarantowicz, OIG Counsel

9 David Maddox

Michael Genz

10 Cynthia Schneider

Ronald Merryman, Acting Inspector General

11 Don Saunders, NLADA

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN MEITES: All right, I will call the
3 meeting to order. This is a special meeting of the ops
4 and regs committee, which has been called pursuant to
5 the appropriate notion.

6 First of all, I'll entertain a motion for the
7 approval of the agenda.

8 M O T I O N

9 MS. BeVIER: So moved.

10 CHAIRMAN MEITES: A second?

11 MR. HALL: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN MEITES: All in favor, say aye.

13 (Chorus of ayes.)

14 CHAIRMAN MEITES: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN MEITES: It is approved.

17 We only have one item on the agenda this
18 morning. It is to consider an act on the rulemaking to
19 revise Part 1626 relative to eligibility of citizens,
20 which we talked about.

21 Hello?

22 MR. McKay: Good morning. This is Mike McKay.

1 CHAIRMAN MEITES: Oh, hello, Mike. We just
2 started our meeting -- citizens of the Republic of the
3 Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia,
4 and the Republic of Palau.

5 Mattie, are you going to be the staff
6 spokesperson this morning?

7 MS. COHAN: Yes, I am.

8 CHAIRMAN MEITES: Okay. The first item is we
9 would appreciate a summary of the public comments
10 received.

11 MS. COHAN: That will be easy to accomplish.
12 I'm also going to apologize for my voice. I have a bit
13 of a cold this morning, so please bear with me.

14 We received 12 timely filed comments, one late
15 comment, all of the comments supported the proposed
16 rulemaking action. We received comments from the
17 Embassy of the Federated States of Micronesia, several
18 organizations representing the Micronesian community,
19 community service organizations providing aid and
20 services, grantees, CLASP, NLADA and two individuals
21 commenting in their personal capacity.

22 All of the comments reiterated information

1 that LSC had previously received on this matter. In
2 particular the comments agreed that there has been
3 increased migration of FAS citizens to the United
4 States, which has significantly increased the demand
5 for legal services among members of that community, and
6 that the inability of financially eligible FAS citizens
7 who are legally living in the United States to access
8 legal services from LSC programs is a problem.

9 In addition, the comments supported the
10 argument that LSC is within its legal authority under
11 the law to amend Part 1626, specifically section
12 1626.10 to permit citizens of the FAS states to receive
13 legal assistance anywhere in the United States that LSC
14 services are provided without requiring individual
15 eligibility under Part 1626. Everybody thought it was
16 a great idea.

17 CHAIRMAN MEITES: All right. I have read the
18 comments and I'm sure that fellow members of my
19 committee have and the comments -- strengthen my belief
20 that this is the appropriate action to take. Let me
21 open the floor, first of all, to any remarks by members
22 of the committee.

1 And any other members of the board have any
2 comments to make at this time? There will be a board
3 meeting following this meeting.

4 All right. Let me open this to public
5 comment. Are there any members of the public who would
6 like to make any of their views known at this time?

7 All right, we actually spent a considerable
8 period of time in our last meeting discussing this, and
9 I think that we all are well-informed. I for one
10 believe we are in a position to take a vote, whether
11 our committee recommends the full board that this
12 revised rule may be adopted. Someone will make a
13 motion to that effect.

14 M O T I O N

15 MR. HALL: So moved.

16 CHAIRMAN MEITES: Is there a second?

17 MS. BeVIER: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN MEITES: Is there any discussion of
19 the motion? If not, I will entertain a vote. All in
20 favor, say aye please.

21 (Chorus of ayes.)

22 CHAIRMAN MEITES: Anyone opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRMAN MEITES: Good, then I will report to
3 the board at its meeting, which will follow our
4 committee's meeting that there is unanimous -- our
5 committee is unanimous to recommend approval of this
6 revision to our rule.

7 Is there any other business before our
8 committee? If not, I will entertain a motion to
9 adjourn.

10 M O T I O N

11 MS. BeVIER: Move to be adjourned.

12 MR. McKAY: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN MEITES: All right, all in favor?

14 (Chorus of ayes.)

15 CHAIRMAN MEITES: The ayes have it.

16 Frank, we are in adjournment, and I think it's
17 time for you to start.

18 (Whereupon, at 11:07 a.m., the meeting was
19 adjourned.)

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