LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OPEN SESSION

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Legal Services Corporation 3333 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20007

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Martha L. Minow, Vice Chairman

Sharon L. Browne

Jonann C. Chiles

Thomas A. Fuentes

Robert J. Grey, Jr.

Charles N.W. Keckler

Victor B. Maddox

Thomas R. Meites

Laurie Mikva

Sarah M. Singleton

Victor M. Fortuno, Interim President and General Counsel (ex officio)

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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 (12:07 p.m.)
- 3 CHAIRMAN LEVI: I'm happy to call us to order.
- 4 This is a duly noticed meeting of the board of
- 5 directors of the Legal Services Corporation.
- 6 And we have an agenda which -- Treefa, do you
- 7 have it? Do we have to -- do we approve the agenda?
- 8 Is that -- do I have a motion to approve the agenda?
- 9 MOTION
- 10 DEAN MINOW: So moved.
- 11 PROFESSOR KECKLER: Second.
- 12 CHAIRMAN LEVI: All in favor?
- 13 (A chorus of ayes.)
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEVI: I should ask, do we have a
- 15 quorum?
- 16 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: Yes, we do. But for the
- 17 record -- if we may, for the record, this is Vic
- 18 Fortuno. You may want to have each board member on the
- 19 call identify themselves for the record just to make
- 20 sure that we have a complete and accurate record of
- 21 who's on the call.
- 22 CHAIRMAN LEVI: I'm shocked that, given the

- 1 extra minutes that I gave you, that you haven't already
- 2 done that.
- 3 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: We actually started to.
- 4 We had --
- 5 CHAIRMAN LEVI: I'm just -- okay.
- 6 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: -- Laurie Mikva, Jonann
- 7 Chiles, Sharon Browne, Robert Grey, Charles Keckler,
- 8 Vic Maddox, and Martha Minow. I don't know if there
- 9 are any others. And now we have John Levi. Is there
- 10 anyone else?
- 11 MR. MEITES: Tom Meites.
- 12 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: Tom Meites.
- 13 CHAIRMAN LEVI: We've got Tom. And do we
- 14 have -- can I have approval of the draft minutes of
- 15 April 17 from the joint meeting? Is there a motion?
- 16 DEAN MINOW: So moved.
- 17 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Second?
- 18 PROFESSOR KECKLER: Second.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Any issues with the minutes?
- 20 Comments? Corrections?
- 21 (No response.)
- 22 CHAIRMAN LEVI: All in favor?

- 1 (A chorus of ayes.)
- 2 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Okay. So now I'm going to, I
- 3 think, turn this over to the co-chairs of the two
- 4 committees to discuss the revisions to the accounting
- 5 guide. Are we going to have a presentation here now,
- 6 or did you already have it?
- 7 DEAN MINOW: Have not had it yet.
- 8 MR. MADDOX: John, this is Vic Maddox here. I
- 9 don't know how fulsome a presentation you're looking
- 10 for. We had a 90-minute meeting that just concluded a
- 11 few minutes before noon in which we went through the
- 12 recommendations by management addressing each of the
- 13 comments that had been made to the proposed accounting
- 14 guidelines at our April meeting in Tucson.
- 15 And we had a full discussion, I think, of all
- 16 of the comments and the input by the Office of the
- 17 Inspector General, and we made a few minor
- 18 modifications to the document that was circulated in
- 19 advance of the meeting. We orally moved those changes,
- 20 and the staff has those and will be incorporating them
- 21 into the document that is finally produced.
- With the exception of one possible additional

- 1 change, the board -- the joint committees, excuse
- 2 me -- passed the motion approving the proposed
- 3 revisions to the LSC Accounting Guide for the
- 4 recipients. One possible change had to do with some
- 5 additional language. If you have the document in front
- of you, it's on page 4 of the memorandum that Chuck
- 7 Greenfield did on June 3rd.
- 8 There was some additional language regarding
- 9 the audit committee's role for the grantees that,
- 10 subject to any requirements of state law, would require
- 11 various things to be done by the audit committee. One
- 12 of those in item No. 6 was to basically have risk
- 13 assessment, governance, compliance, and ethics.
- 14 At the suggestion of Tom Meites, we have taken
- 15 the "compliance" word and we're considering additional
- 16 language that the OIG and the staff and management may
- 17 propose that would beef that language up just a bit to
- 18 provide some additional guidance to audit committees
- 19 regarding their compliance obligations and what it
- 20 actually involved.
- 21 As we are here now, we don't yet have that
- 22 draft language; at least, I haven't seen it.

- 1 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: No. Actually -- this is
- 2 Vic -- I asked staff to work on some language, and it's
- 3 Mattie Cohan who is kind of honcho-ing that. She just
- 4 came into the room and may have some language to
- 5 propose for consideration.
- 6 MS. COHAN: Yes. This would be a substitute
- 7 for No. 6 on page 4. "Ensuring the recipient's
- 8 operations are conducted and managed in a manner that
- 9 emphasizes ethical and honest behavior, compliance with
- 10 applicable laws, regulations, and policies, effective
- 11 management of the recipient's resources and risks, and
- 12 accountability of persons within the organization."
- 13 And that was taken from some corporate
- 14 governance language that Dutch found us online that,
- 15 our little working seemed to think, encompassed all of
- 16 the things that we were thinking about, but in a
- 17 slightly more expanded manner without going overboard,
- 18 given the layout of the fairly shot bullets.
- 19 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: Would anyone like Mattie
- 20 to read that language again?
- MR. MADDOX: Maybe a little bit slower would
- 22 be helpful.

- 1 MS. COHAN: Sorry. My New Yorker tendencies.
- 2 "Ensuring the recipient's operations are
- 3 conducted and managed in a manner that emphasizes
- 4 ethical and honest behavior, compliance with applicable
- 5 laws, regulations, and policies, effective management
- of the recipient's resources and risks, and
- 7 accountability of persons within the organization."
- 8 MR. MADDOX: Thank you, Mattie.
- 9 MS. COHAN: It's a little long, but --
- 10 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: But it's an alternative.
- 11 CHAIRMAN LEVI: And this was discussed during
- 12 the 90-minute meeting?
- 13 MR. MADDOX: It was, John. This is Vic
- 14 Maddox.
- 15 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Yes, Vic.
- 16 MR. MADDOX: We got onto it because Tom Meites
- 17 had looked at our audit committee charter for our own
- 18 audit committee to see how we have articulated the
- 19 compliance efforts that we are obliged to undertake,
- 20 and how that might inform the requirements that we seek
- 21 to impose on the grantees.
- 22 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Yes.

- 1 MR. MADDOX: And I think that the language
- 2 that the staff has just proposed seeks to sort of
- 3 encompass the concepts that our own charter has, while
- 4 keeping it concise enough to be consistent with the
- 5 format of the document we're dealing with.
- 6 So what we did in our joint meeting was to
- 7 approve the accounting standards of the accounting
- 8 quide as we've modified it in certain very slight ways,
- 9 and so that we could then present it to the full board
- 10 for consideration. And if I understand what we
- 11 anticipated, the full board might then adopt the
- 12 recommendation of the two committees and incorporate
- 13 the additional staff language that we've just had
- 14 provided to us.
- 15 CHAIRMAN LEVI: And are you moving that? Can
- 16 that be in the form of a motion?
- MR. MADDOX: Well, unless there's further
- 18 discussion, I think the language --
- 19 CHAIRMAN LEVI: There can still be further
- 20 discussion.
- 21 MR. MADDOX: -- satisfies me. It was Tom's
- 22 original thought. Maybe we should get his input.

- 1 MR. MEITES: Yes. Vic, I think that's fine.
- 2 MS. BROWNE: This is Sharon Browne. I do have
- 3 a question. On page 4, right after the new language
- 4 that was just read by Mattie, the next sentence talks
- 5 about the small-sized LSC programs. And there seems to
- 6 be an incomplete thought.
- 7 I wasn't sure whether the fact that -- were
- 8 to -- the small -- let me -- the small LSC programs
- 9 certainly have different concerns with regard to having
- 10 experts available to them on financial matters. But
- 11 the sentences right after No. 6 seem to leave it
- 12 hanging whether or not there is an exception for the
- 13 small LSC programs. If you read it --
- 14 MR. MADDOX: I think in our discussion in
- 15 April, Sharon, it's my recollection that we concluded
- 16 that it might be difficult for some of the grantees to
- 17 actually have a formal audit committee, and in the
- 18 event that they don't actually create a formal audit
- 19 committee, then their finance committee would need to
- 20 have the sort of expertise that would allow it to
- 21 perform the audit committee functions. That was my
- 22 recollection.

- 1 MS. BROWNE: Well, then, I'm wondering if the
- 2 language that's redlined there actually conveys that
- 3 recognition. It seems to imply that even the small LSC
- 4 boards, for best practices, the governing board is to
- 5 have both a finance committee and a separate audit
- 6 committee. So there doesn't seem to be that
- 7 distinction being made.
- 8 MR. MADDOX: Well, I think the language that
- 9 is in blue that follows the best practice language
- 10 says, "The critical point is that all finance and audit
- 11 committee duties listed immediately above must be
- 12 performed by a financial oversight committee(s), " which
- 13 the way I read it suggests that there must be a
- 14 financial oversight committee, and there may be more
- 15 than a financial oversight committee, but that in all
- 16 events, all of the finance and audit committee duties
- 17 have to be undertaken.
- 18 It was my understanding that this language is
- 19 the result of our discussion in April and the
- 20 subsequent follow-up by the management at LSC to
- 21 effectively compromise our concern for best practice
- 22 with the realities of our grantee community. And to my

- 1 mind, it does that.
- DEAN MINOW: This is Martha. I thought that
- 3 it straddles that real tension very well.
- 4 MR. MADDOX: Yes. I agree with that, Martha.
- 5 Sharon, if you disagree, I mean, we certainly could
- 6 make additional changes.
- 7 MS. BROWNE: Well, I'm just wondering if it's
- 8 possible to add the word "nevertheless" after the comma
- 9 in the first sentence, saying, "While it is recognized
- 10 that some boards, due" -- I guess "to" -- "their small
- 11 size and other considerations, will decide not to have
- 12 a separate audit committee, nonetheless it is
- 13 considered a best practice for governing board bodies
- 14 to have both a finance committee and a separate audit
- 15 committee."
- I think just having the "nevertheless" after
- 17 the comma, and then add the "to" between the "not" and
- 18 the "have" would certainly satisfy my concerns. It
- 19 just seemed to be a little bit of a disconnect there to
- 20 me.
- 21 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Does anyone object to
- 22 those -- do you want "nonetheless" or "nevertheless"?

- 1 MS. BROWNE: I would say "nevertheless."
- DEAN MINOW: I think that's good, but then I
- 3 would like to add "generally" because again, even the
- 4 accountant standards all say "generally" always.
- 5 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Okay.
- 6 MS. BROWNE: That would be fine with me.
- 7 DEAN MINOW: Great.
- 8 CHAIRMAN LEVI: So is that clear where the
- 9 "nevertheless" and the "generally" go?
- 10 MR. MADDOX: John, what I understand,
- 11 effectively the motion would be that we would amend the
- 12 first sentence in the new paragraph that appears on
- 13 page 4 that begins "While."
- 14 And the sentence would then read, "While it is
- 15 recognized that some boards, due to their small size
- 16 and other considerations, will decide not to have a
- 17 separate audit committee, nevertheless it generally is
- 18 considered a best practice for governing board bodies
- 19 to have both a finance committee and a separate audit
- 20 committee."
- Is that consistent with what I heard?
- 22 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Yes.

- 1 DEAN MINOW: Yes.
- MS. BROWNE: Yes.
- 3 MOTION
- 4 MR. MADDOX: I would move that we modify the
- 5 language of that paragraph as I've just indicated.
- 6 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Is there a second?
- 7 MS. BROWNE: This is Sharon Browne. I'll
- 8 second.
- 9 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Any further discussion on
- 10 that?
- 11 (No response.)
- 12 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Okay. All in favor?
- 13 (A chorus of ayes.)
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Any other comments or
- 15 suggestions regarding the draft?
- MR. MADDOX: Well, that raises the question,
- 17 John, if we have a motion, I guess, to include the
- 18 language that Mattie Cohan read to us.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Yes. In addition to this
- 20 change.
- 21 MOTION
- MR. MADDOX: Correct. And I would so move.

- 1 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Is there a second?
- 2 DEAN MINOW: Second.
- 3 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Any further discussion?
- 4 (No response.)
- 5 CHAIRMAN LEVI: All in favor?
- 6 (A chorus of ayes.)
- 7 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Opposition?
- 8 (No response.)
- 9 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Okay. Then the new manual is
- 10 adopted, as modified here by motion. Vic, will you
- 11 take the steps then to see that it's properly
- 12 circulated and that the board gets the final draft?
- 13 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: Absolutely.
- 14 DEAN MINOW: I commend everybody involved.
- 15 This is a technical but important thing to do.
- 16 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Very important. I also want
- 17 to say that it probably will not be the last time that
- 18 we take a look at this. I think it will be something
- 19 we're looking at -- I've asked Vic to prepare for the
- 20 board now -- the staff did a sort of a preliminary
- 21 briefing for the committee chairs, Robert Grey, Vic
- 22 Maddox, and myself.

- 1 Now we're going to have it, I think, for the
- 2 entire board, and we need to schedule it, on what our
- 3 compliance -- what we do, really, in the compliance
- 4 arena, and to sort of give us a history on that as a
- 5 briefing for the board.
- 6 And Vic, I'd like you to begin the process,
- 7 Vic Fortuno, of surveying -- maybe Pat can -- the board
- 8 as to when people are available for that. It'll
- 9 probably -- you'll probably need a 90-minute time frame
- 10 for that.
- 11 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: Okay. We'll go ahead and
- 12 get that process started.
- 13 CHAIRMAN LEVI: And then, following that, I
- 14 have asked Vic Maddox and Robert Grey to co-chair an
- 15 effort and bring in the best folks we can find out
- 16 there in the larger community to study our compliance
- 17 efforts and our best practices going forward, and come
- 18 back to us with a report.
- 19 We'll get that process underway of appointing
- 20 this group, and have them come in and get to work, so
- 21 that we can assure ourselves -- or make the changes
- 22 that are necessary to bring ourselves into the best

- 1 possible position we can in terms of the compliance
- 2 arena and what is expected of us generally from the GAO
- 3 and the public and Congress, to what we know in private
- 4 industry and from other -- I'd say from the franchise
- 5 world, maybe, and the accounting world, are best
- 6 practices that maybe we are not yet familiar with. I
- 7 don't know. I'm assuming we aren't, but I don't want
- 8 to get ahead of this group.
- 9 I'm hoping that this is something that would
- 10 take no more than four to six months to do. But I
- 11 think we could really benefit from it as an
- 12 organization. And I want to thank our committee
- 13 characters for their willingness to undertake this.
- One other piece of business that I'm told I
- 15 need a vote on, and it doesn't have to be a pre-noticed
- 16 vote, but on occasion now, the search committee will
- 17 have to have closed sessions. And apparently, any
- 18 committee having a closed session needs to get prior
- 19 authorization from the board to have closed sessions.
- 20 And instead of coming back each time we need
- 21 to have a closed session, I hope we can trust one
- 22 another that we won't be closing any sessions

- 1 inappropriately. But as you can certainly understand,
- 2 in the interviewing process or in discussing individual
- 3 consultants or, ultimately down the way, the
- 4 qualifications of any individual candidates, there may
- 5 be some times -- I hope not too many -- that we will
- 6 have to have closed sessions.
- 7 So I need a majority vote of the directors in
- 8 order to be able to close those sessions. And I'm told
- 9 by Vic Fortuno that this one vote can cover those
- 10 meetings. Am I correct as to that, Vic?
- 11 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: I think that if you want
- 12 to do more than one at a time, you just need to note
- 13 what the subject would be so as to note that they fall
- 14 within the exceptions. But I think that there has to
- 15 be a vote of the directors to authorize closure. I
- 16 think you just have to specify what it is that you're
- 17 closing for. It can't be blanket in that sense.
- 18 CHAIRMAN LEVI: No. Well, I think I just gave
- 19 the examples, didn't I? But otherwise, you'll give
- 20 them right now because you know them.
- 21 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: I assume that what we're
- 22 talking about is personal privacy and --

- 1 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Yes.
- 2 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: -- financial information
- 3 of the individual persons?
- 4 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Yes.
- 5 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: Privacy because you're
- 6 talking about folks who are not LSC employees but who
- 7 are employees of search firms who will be interviewed
- 8 because --
- 9 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Well, because they're
- 10 employees -- I'm sorry.
- 11 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: And the
- 12 confidential -- and the confidential business
- 13 information of the various search firms.
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Right. Or of themselves. And
- 15 of comparing their references, discussing references
- 16 regarding individuals.
- 17 MS. COHAN: With respect to the basis for
- 18 closing meetings at which you're discussing the search
- 19 firms themselves, those could be closed under exemption
- 20 4, having to do with confidential business information,
- 21 not exemption 6, having to do with personal privacy
- 22 interests.

- 1 So you can still close it. It's just that
- 2 there's a different exemption that applies.
- 3 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Thank you.
- 4 DEAN MINOW: Do you need to have some vote,
- 5 then? Or do we just understand that they qualify?
- 6 CHAIRMAN LEVI: We have to -- if I understood,
- 7 to close any meetings going forward, so as we get to
- 8 the point of debating the references of various
- 9 individual consultants, we're going to need to have,
- 10 for example -- this is a good example -- a closed
- 11 session. So that's probably the privacy. That's not
- 12 the business information.
- 13 MS. COHAN: I understand. But it seems a
- 14 little odd that we'd have to one by one by one have
- 15 such votes in the session.
- 16 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Well, that's why I'm trying to
- 17 get a more -- yes, I agree. That's why I'm trying --
- MS. COHAN: And so if we know in advance that
- 19 there would be this business exemption that would apply
- 20 to the firms, and there would be the personal
- 21 confidentiality exemption that would apply to the
- 22 individuals, why can't we, if we need to, take a vote

- 1 now to say, when this issue arises, we vote that we
- 2 will be in closed session, and then not have to take
- 3 this up time after time.
- 4 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: Actually --
- 5 CHAIRMAN LEVI: That's what I'm saying,
- 6 that --
- 7 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: This is Vic Fortuno. If I
- 8 may, the Sunshine reg, and I'm citing to 1622.6 of our
- 9 regulations, provides that, and I'll quote, "A separate
- 10 vote of the directors shall be taken with respect to
- 11 each meeting or portion thereof proposed to be closed
- 12 to the public."
- 13 So our regulation seems to require a vote, a
- 14 separate vote, with respect to each meeting.
- 15 CHAIRMAN LEVI: So that's contrary to the
- 16 advice you gave me last week when I asked about
- 17 bringing this up?
- 18 MS. COHAN: A single vote can be taken to
- 19 close a series of meetings. I think the difference is,
- 20 one vote can be taken to close a series of scheduled
- 21 meetings. I'm not sure that, under the regulation, one
- 22 vote can be taken to close any meetings that might

- 1 happen at some point. I think that's the difference.
- 2 That it would be more convenient, yes, for you
- 3 to be able to take one vote now to close any meetings
- 4 that you might have. I think the regulation
- 5 contemplates instead that if you have a -- if you
- 6 already had a schedule of meetings, you could have one
- 7 vote to close all the meetings that would be subject to
- 8 closure at that time rather than having a vote for each
- 9 separate meeting.
- 10 DEAN MINOW: So I suggest that when we set up
- 11 our schedule for the interviews, we have that vote.
- 12 MS. COHAN: Yes. That would work.
- 13 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Well, we need to have that
- 14 vote as it relates to the next meeting of the search
- 15 committee because we will be discussing the relative
- 16 merits of individual consultants and their references.
- 17 And that will be coming up very shortly.
- 18 So in order for me to notice a closed session
- 19 of the search meeting --
- MS. COHAN: Right.
- 21 CHAIRMAN LEVI: -- the next meeting, I
- 22 actually have to have the vote for that right now.

- 1 MS. COHAN: Yes.
- 2 CHAIRMAN LEVI: And then beyond that we can, I
- 3 guess, get other votes. I'm disappointed to learn this
- 4 not in the manner in which it was described to me
- 5 previously, and we'll take that up at a different
- 6 moment.
- 7 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: Well, but you have -- if
- 8 the series of meetings is going to be within a period
- 9 of 30 days, the statute permits that. So if you know,
- 10 for example, that you're going to be meeting ten days
- 11 from now, and then that you're going to have another
- 12 meeting or two but all will be within 30 days of the
- 13 initial meeting, then you're fine. Hello?
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Yes. I'm here.
- 15 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: Yes. So it's a matter
- 16 of -- my understanding was you were going to have an
- 17 initial meeting you wanted to close.
- 18 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Yes. Right.
- 19 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: And then you would have
- 20 other meetings, but that they would be within 30 days
- 21 of the first meeting that you're going to have. If
- 22 that's the case, you can do the series now.

- 1 CHAIRMAN LEVI: But the regulation you just
- 2 read didn't say the 30 -- okay.
- 3 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: If you don't know, then --
- 4 MOTION
- 5 MR. GREY: John, this is Robert. I would move
- 6 that you be allowed to do what is necessary pursuant to
- 7 the regulations to have a closed meeting.
- 8 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Okay. Thank you very much.
- 9 Second?
- 10 PROFESSOR KECKLER: Second that.
- 11 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Is that sufficient, Vic, to
- 12 help the problem here?
- 13 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: Yes. I think -- well,
- 14 you've described what is going to be discussed. We've
- 15 explained what the exemption would be. And if this
- 16 meeting is going to occur within, say, 30 days, I think
- 17 you're fine. And my understanding is it is.
- 18 You could actually close more than one meeting
- 19 if you know that the subsequent meetings will occur
- 20 within 30 days of that first meeting. But for now, it
- 21 sounds like all you need to do and are intending to do
- 22 is just to close that first one?

- 1 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Well, I think Robert's motion
- 2 went a little further than that. I thought it -- you
- 3 said that if there were other meetings within 30 days,
- 4 that that could cover that. And I'm assuming there
- 5 will be more than one meeting in the next 30 days.
- 6 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: And if it's the same
- 7 exemption that you would be looking to have apply, then
- 8 yes, you can close a portion of meetings that occur
- 9 within 30 days of your first one for the same
- 10 exemption.
- If there's a different exemption you seek to
- 12 have apply, then you would need to reconsider at that
- 13 point. But my assumption is that you'll be employing
- 14 the same exemption in each instance.
- 15 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Well, although we haven't
- 16 really gotten into exemption 4, I suppose that could
- 17 happen. Do we need to state that here?
- 18 MS. COHAN: If you're going to close a meeting
- 19 to discuss which search firm you wish to engage, the
- 20 applicable exemption under which you could close the
- 21 discussions of the relative merits of the search firms
- 22 would be exemption 4.

- If, in this series of meetings -- because I'm
- 2 not sure what you're envisioning -- if you're going to
- 3 have a few meetings within 30 days, all of which are
- 4 centered around selecting a search firm, they would
- 5 all --
- 6 CHAIRMAN LEVI: I think that --
- 7 MS. COHAN: -- those discussions would all be
- 8 covered by exemption 4. If you were --
- 9 CHAIRMAN LEVI: I think part of the discussion
- 10 will be under 6, if not the majority, in getting
- 11 references on individuals who are consultants as
- 12 opposed to the particular firm. So I think it's
- 13 exemptions 4 and 6.
- 14 And I just want to make sure that this vote
- 15 covers both exemptions. Is that -- because I don't
- 16 think we're going to be able to say, well, this
- 17 meeting's on 4 and this meeting's on 6. I think you're
- 18 going to have both, but only a small amount of 4, if
- 19 any; mostly 6. But there could be a little of 4.
- 20 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: I think, if you want to
- 21 cite to both, so long as we're confident that at least
- 22 one does cover it, I think you're fine. So you can

- 1 cite to both. I think it's important that at least one
- of the two, and we're satisfied that one of the two and
- 3 maybe both, would cover. But you can certainly cite to
- 4 both.
- 5 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Okay. Now, we had -- Mr.
- 6 Grey, can you add that to your motion?
- 7 MR. GREY: My motion is amended to allow
- 8 exemptions under 4 and 6 under the regulation.
- 9 CHAIRMAN LEVI: And that will satisfy this
- 10 issue?
- 11 PRESIDENT FORTUNO: Yes.
- 12 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Vic? Okay. Can I have a
- 13 second?
- 14 PROFESSOR KECKLER: Second that.
- 15 CHAIRMAN LEVI: All in favor?
- 16 (A chorus of ayes.)
- 17 CHAIRMAN LEVI: So then I have a question for
- 18 Mr. Meites and the prior board. How could you lead
- 19 search committees under the Sunshine?
- MR. MEITES: That's a long story.
- 21 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Well, maybe it's something
- 22 that the ops and regs ought to look at.

- 1 MR. MEITES: Well, that's a long story as to
- 2 why it was left, but not an interesting story.
- 3 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Okay. I think it does seem to
- 4 me that to bring our governance -- this is fully
- 5 transparent and nobody has any intention of doing
- 6 anything that wouldn't be fully reported in an
- 7 appropriate way.
- 8 But in trying to move things along,
- 9 particularly in this arena, it seems to me we may have
- 10 possibly opened ourselves up to a process that's so
- 11 cumbersome and extended that it makes it really
- 12 difficult to move it along in the best way for the
- 13 Corporation.
- 14 And I really think that ops and regs ought to
- 15 study that as a matter of good internal governance.
- 16 And that also may be something that performance reviews
- 17 ought to be looked at as well. And I'd like to suggest
- 18 that.
- I know I've taken -- that's okay?
- 20 MR. MEITES: Yes. That's fine. We can start
- 21 looking at that in our next meeting.
- 22 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Thanks very much.

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              (No response.)
             CHAIRMAN LEVI: Well, thank you all for taking
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    the time today, and thank you to those who participated
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    in the 90-minute call. I only was privileged to be on
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    it for ten minutes, and it sounded pretty good.
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             So I wish everybody -- is there a motion to
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    adjourn? I believe I should have asked for public
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    comment.
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              (No response.)
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             CHAIRMAN LEVI: Hearing none, motion to
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             PROFESSOR KECKLER: So moved.
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             CHAIRMAN LEVI: Second?
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             MR. GREY: Second.
             CHAIRMAN LEVI: All right. Thanks, everybody.
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              (Whereupon, at 12:39 p.m., the meeting was
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    adjourned.)
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Anything else for the good of the order here

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