

Legal Services Corporation
Meeting of the Finance Committee

Open Session

Monday, June 11, 2012

Chairman John G. Levi convened an *open session* meeting of the Legal Services Corporation's ("LSC") Finance Committee ("the Committee") at 12:06 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2012. The meeting was held at the F. William McCalpin Conference Center, Legal Services Corporation Headquarters, 3333 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

The following Committee members were present:

Robert J. Grey, Jr., Chairman
Sharon L. Browne
Father Pius Pietrzyk,
Robert E. Henley, Jr. (Non-Director Member)
John G. Levi, *ex officio*

Other Board Members Present:

Charles N.W. Keckler

Also attending were:

James J. Sandman	President
Richard Sloane	Chief of Staff and Special Assistant to the President
Rebecca Fertig	Special Assistant to the President
Kathleen McNamara	Executive Assistant to the President
Emily Gydesen	Intern, Executive Office
Victor Fortuno	Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary
Katherine Ward	Executive Assistant, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA)
David Richardson	Comptroller and Treasurer, Office of financial And Administrative Services
Jeffrey Schanz	Inspector General

Joel Gallay	Special Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General (OIG)
David Maddox	Assistant Inspector General for Management and Evaluation, OIG
John Seeba	Director of Audit Operations, Administrative Officer, OIG
Carol Bergman	Director, Office of Government Relations and Public Affairs (GRPA)
Treefa Aziz	Government Affairs Representative, GRPA
Brendan Valentine	Office of Government Relations and Public Affairs
Honorable Vanessa Ruiz	Associate Judge, District of Columbia court of Appeals, representing the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants (SCLAID)
Terry Brooks	SCLAID
Chuck Greenfield	National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA)
Don Saunders	National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA)

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

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

MOTION

Ms. Browne moved to approve the agenda. Father Pius seconded the motion.

VOTE

The motion passed by voice vote.

MOTION

Father Pius moved to approve the minutes of the Committee's April 15, 2012 meeting.

Ms. Browne seconded the motion.

VOTE

The motion passed by voice vote.

Judge Ruiz presented SCLAID's recommendation that LSC request \$470 million for its FY 2014 budget request to Congress. She cited the current economic crisis as contributing to the need for increased funding and emphasized this recommendation was both realistic and

reasonable to cover the ever increasing cost of providing legal assistance. Judge Ruiz answered Committee members' questions.

Mr. Saunders presented NLADA's recommendation that LSC seek \$516.5 million for its FY 2014 budget request to Congress. Mr. Saunders answered Committee members' questions, and stated that the request could be higher, but given the financial environment, NLADA believed this number was appropriate.

Mr. Richardson provided a brief summary of the Economic Policy Institute's (EPI) letter. The letter detailed a study comparing current funding to funding from 1980 and found that per capita, LSC is funding programs at about one third of 1980 funding levels. Additionally, the 1980 allocation would equal \$794.5 million in 2010 dollars. The EPI's letter suggested a \$1,250,000,000 request.

The Committee discussed updating the grantee surveys on the impact of funding cuts. The Committee also briefly discussed the status of the 2013 appropriations, which is currently before the Senate.

There was no other business to consider

MOTION

Ms. Browne moved to adjourn the meeting. Father Pius seconded the motion.

VOTE

The motion passed by voice vote.

The *open session* meeting of the Committee was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes adopted by the Legal Services Corporation's Finance Committee on July 17, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor M. Fortuno", written over a horizontal line.

Victor M. Fortuno

*Vice President for Legal Affairs,
General Counsel & Corporate Secretary*