

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE
SEARCH COMMITTEE

OPEN SESSION

Friday, September 10, 2010

1:15 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

John G. Levi, Chairman
Charles N.W. Keckler
Victor B. Maddox
Laurie I. Mikva
Martha L. Minow

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT:

LaVeeda Battle
Douglas S. Eakeley
Robert E. Stein
Frank B. Strickland
Deierdre L. Weir

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

(None)

STAFF AND PUBLIC PRESENT AT THE CORPORATION'S OFFICES:

Victor M. Fortuno, Interim President and General
Counsel

Kathleen Connors, Executive Assistant to the President
Patricia Batie, Acting Corporate Secretary and FOIA
Officer, Office of Legal Affairs

Laurie Tarantowicz, Assistant Inspector General and
Legal Counsel, Office of the Inspector General

Stephen Barr, Media Relations Director, Government
Relations and Public Affairs Office

Sean Driscoll, Special Assistant, Government Relations
and Public Affairs Office

Charles Greenfield, Program Counsel III, Office of
Program Performance

Dale E. Jones, Heidrick & Struggles

Tracie Davis, Heidrick & Struggles

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

2 (1:15 p.m.)

3 CHAIRMAN LEVI: This is John Levi. Who is on this
4 call that wasn't on the other call?

5 MS. MIKVA: Laurie Mikva.

6 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Good.

7 PROFESSOR KECKLER: Charles Keckler.

8 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Good.

9 MR. STEIN: Bob Stein.

10 MS. BATTLE: And LaVeeda Morgan Battle.

11 CHAIRMAN LEVI: All right. Well, we had the other
12 half in the other call.

13 (Laughter.)

14 CHAIRMAN LEVI: And we have -- is there anybody else
15 that dialed the right -- I guess the Federal Register number?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN LEVI: We have determined -- because the
18 Heidrick folks were on with us, and so first let me fill you
19 in on what we learned.

20 Ellen Brown had a family member that became ill this
21 morning and she can't be on the call. She has been provided

1 a couple of edits by some of you since the draft of September
2 6th. But Dale Jones and Tracy, who were on the call, don't
3 actually have those edits.

4 Doug Eakeley noticed that in the Corporation's, there
5 was a -- the special needs in paragraph 3 on page 2, Special
6 Needs of Native Americans and Veterans, did not include the
7 migrant workers, which are also a special need group. And so
8 we need to insert the right phrase for that.

9 Based on the discussion we were having and the need
10 to get this position description finalized, Victor Maddox had
11 made a motion which -- well, Victor, you want to repeat it?

12 M O T I O N

13 MR. MADDOX: As best I can, John. I think that we
14 -- the motion was that we would approve the position description
15 in the final draft form that we received on Monday, September
16 6th, subject to the addition of any additional changes that Ellen
17 Brown has received if those changes are deemed to be
18 nonsubstantive. And then if you deem them to be substantive,
19 we will circulate a revised draft for subsequent approval.

20 CHAIRMAN LEVI: And what I had suggested was that I
21 would have Ellen send around the draft to everybody just to make

1 sure that we all agree. And if anybody believes them to be
2 substantive, they should e-mail me.

3 Is there a second as to that?

4 DEAN MINOW: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Any discussion or public comment or
6 concern?

7 MS. MIKVA: I think it looks good.

8 CHAIRMAN LEVI: I do, too. And the reason I want to
9 advance this is because if we have to really delay, we've got
10 an October 15th date in there, and I'd like to try to hold to
11 that.

12 Any other comment? Concern? Issues?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Well, could we have a vote on that?
15 All in favor.

16 (A chorus of ayes.)

17 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Okay. The motion carries. And Dale,
20 you want to give us a quick update of where we are?

21 MR. JONES: Yes. And so we have completed a round

1 of meeting with all the major constituency groups around LSC;
2 a number of stakeholders from -- not only board members, but
3 organizations that have some tie to the mission of LSC. We've
4 talked to staff members. We've talked to union representatives
5 and others to get a full insight of the grasp and breadth of
6 the issues at LSC, but also competencies that we think are needed
7 for -- that we should be looking for in candidates as we assess
8 them.

9 And so we are prepared to go into the market to do
10 that. We've gotten good insight with current needs that have
11 come through some of these meetings, and we will use that as
12 our template when we assess people and bring them forward.

13 We also have a number of advertisements that are going
14 into the public space. And Tracy, why don't you talk about what
15 we've got going in and where?

16 MS. DAVIS: Sure. We have posted advertisements with
17 the National Law Journal, Roll Call, the Hill, and the American
18 Bar Association in print and online where possible. And so those
19 have started running at the end of last week, and many will
20 continue through mid-October.

21 MR. JONES: And beyond the ads, we are proactively

1 having conversations with leaders -- we will be proactively
2 having conversations with leaders who represent the spec.
3 Because of some of the issues we have discerned about what's
4 needed at LSC, we're going to proactively be looking for people
5 who represent this specification, asking them to consider this
6 opportunity at this point in their career journey.

7 So we will be responding to those who have interest,
8 but we'll also go and recruit people who we think should be looking
9 at this opportunity at this given time.

10 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Okay. And remembering that we're on
11 an open line here so that I'm not -- in asking this question,
12 please don't indicate any individual names or anything, have
13 you started to receive any applications or people indicating
14 interest?

15 MR. JONES: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN LEVI: In a fair number?

17 MR. JONES: A good level of interest has already
18 surfaced by people in the public domain. And we have begun to
19 think of people that we want to talk to specifically about the
20 opportunity.

21 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Great. I will circle back to the rest

1 of the folks on the search committee to schedule with them a
2 sort of -- but somehow in the middle of this period, up till
3 October 15th, a call in which you can brief us more specifically
4 on the kinds of individuals' names, whatever, that are applying.

5 But I think this is not the forum to do that, and it's premature.

6 So any other issues or questions people have for today?

7 MS. BATTLE: No.

8 MS. MIKVA: I only have a question about have we
9 scheduled regular meetings and noticed them so we won't have
10 a problem in the future?

11 MR. STEIN: And a new regular phone number.

12 MS. MIKVA: Yes. Exactly.

13 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Yes. We'll have a regular phone
14 number. But there's a question of standing calls of the
15 committee that are public and closed. And then -- and those
16 will have to use the LSC numbers. Without Ellen, I am reluctant
17 to schedule those future such things until she's available to
18 do that, and I can send out a notice as to that.

19 As for briefings, they don't require the advance
20 noticing. And so I'm going to ask you all to bear with us today
21 because that piece of this we can't do without Ellen.

1 Any other issues?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN LEVI: And I do think that you've done a nice
4 job on the position. And I realize that there were -- it was
5 a description by committee, but I want to thank everybody for
6 taking this seriously and for your input in coming to what I
7 think is a very useful, helpful document.

8 And I do know, Dale, that you and your team have spoken
9 with many individuals in the field and in the building, and
10 they've been very grateful to have been given that opportunity
11 and have let me know that, some by phone, some by e-mail. And
12 we appreciate that as well.

13 So with that, could I have a motion to adjourn?

14 M O T I O N

15 DEAN MINOW: So moved.

16 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Second?

17 MS. MIKVA: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Thanks very much.

19 (Whereupon, at 1:25 p.m., the search committee meeting
20 was adjourned.)

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