

**Legal Services Corporation  
Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Open Session**

**Saturday, January 25, 2014**

Chairman John G. Levi convened an open session meeting of the Legal Services Corporation's ("LSC") Board of Directors at 10:04 a.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2014. The meeting was held at the Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Austin, 500 North Interstate 35, Austin, Texas 78701.

The following Board members were present:

John G. Levi, Chairman  
Martha L. Minow  
Sharon L. Browne  
Robert J. Grey, Jr.  
Charles N.W. Keckler  
Harry J. F. Korrell III (by telephone)  
Victor B. Maddox  
Laurie I. Mikva  
Father Pius Pietrzyk (by telephone)  
Julie A. Reiskin  
Gloria Valencia-Weber  
James J. Sandman, *ex officio*

Also attending were:

Lynn Jennings	Vice President for Grants Management
Wendy Rhein	Chief Development Officer
Rebecca Fertig	Special Assistant to the President
Ronald S. Flagg	Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary
David L. Richardson	Comptroller and Treasurer, Office of Financial and Administrative Services
Carol A. Bergman	Director, Office of Government Relations and Public Affairs
Jeffrey E. Schanz	Inspector General
Carl Rauscher	Director of Media Relations, Office of Government Relations and Public Affairs
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

Lora M. Rath	Director, Office of Compliance and Enforcement
Herbert S. Garten	Non-Director Member, Institutional Advancement Committee
Paul Furrh	Lone Start Legal Aid
Debra Furrh	
Ofelia Zapata	Texas RioGrande Legal Aid Client Board Member
Don Saunders	National Legal Aid and Defenders Association (NLADA)
Bruce Bower	

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

Ms. Browne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION**

Dean Minow moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Browne seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

The motion passed by a voice vote.

**MOTION**

Dean Minow moved to approve the minutes of the Board's telephonic meeting of November 21, 2013. Ms. Reiskin seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

The motion passed by a voice vote.

**MOTION**

Ms. Reiskin moved to nominate Chairman Levi to continue his service as Board Chairman. Ms. Mikva seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote.

**MOTION**

Mr. Maddox moved to nominate Vice Chair Minow to continue her service as Board Vice Chair. Ms. Reiskin seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote.

Chairman Levi gave the Chairman's Report. He thanked the Board for its continuing hard work and acknowledged several individuals for making the Austin Board meeting and events a success.

President Sandman gave the President's Report, which included updates on implementing the recommendations of the Fiscal Oversight Task Force; the status of LSC's business process analysis; the work of the Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable; offering reflections LSC's leadership in technology; and feedback received from grantees through a survey completed by executive directors. He answered Board members' questions.

During members' reports, Professor Valencia-Weber reported that she is continuing her role as a consultant to the Department of Justice Office of Tribal Justice. Ms. Reiskin reported that she and President Sandman moderated a panel with client board members at the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association (NLADA) conference.

Inspector General Schanz and Mr. Maddox gave the Inspector General's Report, which included reporting on updating the OIG strategic plan; the OIG's organization health survey to assess where improvements can be made; the Inspector General's work plan; and the OIG staff's receipt of the Council of Inspectors General for Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) award in 2013. They answered Board members' questions.

Professor Valencia-Weber gave the report of the Delivery of Legal Services Committee. She was followed by Mr. Grey who gave the report of the Finance Committee.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Grey moved to adopt the revised temporary operating budget for fiscal year 2014 and corresponding resolution, as amended.

### **VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote.

Mr. Maddox gave the Audit Committee report.

Mr. Keckler gave the Operations and Regulations report.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Keckler moved to approve publication of a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for 45 CFR Part 1626 with a 30-day comment period.

### **VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote.

**MOTION**

Mr. Keckler moved to adopt the resolution approving proposed revisions to the LSC Employee Handbook, as amended.

**VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote.

Dean Minow gave the Governance and Performance Review Committee report.

**MOTION**

Dean Minow moved to adopt the LSC Whistleblower Policy, as amended.

**VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote.

**MOTION**

Dean Minow moved to adopt the resolution supporting LSC Management's revisions to the LSC Performance Management Policy.

**VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote.

**MOTION**

Dean Minow moved to adopt the resolution amending Section 5.02 of the LSC Bylaws to prohibit non-director members of Board committees from counting towards a committee quorum.

**VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote.

**MOTION**

Dean Minow moved to approve extending President Sandman's contract for an additional three-year term.

**VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote.

Chairman Levi noted that the Board met with the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono & Public Services to provide an update and discuss LSC's implementation of the Pro Bono Task Force's recommendations.

Chairman Levi gave the Institutional Advancement Committee report

Chairman invited public comment. Ms. Zapata, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid client board member, shared issues that regularly arise among the client community, including disparity in the quality of legal representation between poor people and rich people, and LSC restrictions on representation of prisoners, class actions, and lobbying and legislative advocacy.

**MOTION**

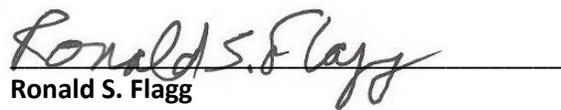
Dean Minow moved to authorize an executive session of the Board meeting. Mr. Keckler seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

The motion passed by voice vote.

The Board continued its meeting in closed session at 11:59 a.m.

*I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes adopted by the Legal Services Corporation's Board of Directors meeting on April 8, 2014.*



**Ronald S. Flagg**  
Vice President for Legal Affairs,  
General Counsel & Corporate Secretary