

**MINUTES**  
**October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**Special Board Meeting-Zoom Video Conference**  
**NDPISB**

1. Chairman Mike Wetsch called the Zoom special meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Board members present: Mike Wetsch, Randy Ziegler, Ernie Thurman, Steve Lundin, Justin Blinsky and Jason Nelson. Board members absent: None. Others present: Executive Director John J. Shorey III, Board Legal Counsel Justin Hagel, Attorney Chris Redmann, and Donald Bailey. A speaker phone was available at the Board's Office for the public to use.
2. Board Legal Representation Update. John stated he received permission from the Chairman to visit with both Chris Redmann and John Ward. John stated he visited with John Ward and asked if he would be willing to do an hourly rate instead of a retainer and he said he would be. John stated both Chris and John Ward were at \$250 per hour. John stated it was also an option to go back and receive legal services from the ND Attorney General's Office. John stated he had an informal conversation with Allyson Hicks, and she advised if the Board went back to the ND Attorney General's Office it would more than likely be her that would be appointed to work with the Board. John stated that his preference would be to stay with a SAAG even though the Board would be paying more, as he believed they would get more responsive and focused services, but the decision was up to the Board. John stated the plan was to transition to a new attorney by the end of the month. Randy agreed and commented that the Board will lose the private touch if we go back to the ND Attorney General's Office. John stated he had talked with Monte about going forward that the Board receive would general counsel services from a SAAG and any litigation would be handled by the ND Attorney General's Office. John stated this was also a Board decision. Mike stated he agreed with going the SAAG route. Jason made a motion to go with Chris Redmann for Board legal counsel. Steve seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion. Chris stated he would work with Monte about transitioning.
3. Donald Bailey Application. Donald addressed the Board regarding his application, that he likes the job, and he thought some things should have been off his record. Jason made a motion to approve Donald Bailey's application. Ernie seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion.
4. A motion was made by Jason to close the meeting for an executive session for attorney consultation (N.D.C.C. 44-04-19.1(2) and 44-04-19.2(1) closed or confidential records for Abednego Thomas and Joshua Roberts applications. Seconded by Justin. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to go into executive session. The executive session began at 9:38 A.M. and was attended by: Steve Lundin, Justin Blinsky, Mike Wetsch, Ernie Thurman, John Shorey, Jason Nelson, Randy Zeigel, and Justin Hagel. The executive session adjourned at 9:50 A.M. The public was invited back for the open session of the meeting.
5. Abednego Thomas Application. Jason made a motion to approve the application. There was no second so the motion died. The agenda item was tabled.
6. Joshua Roberts Application. Jason made a motion to approve the application. Ernie seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion.
7. Abednego Thomas Application. No motion was made so the item was tabled again.

8. Administrative Rules Update. John stated changes based on the last meeting was sent to Board members. There was discussion on changing the verbiage to the presented administrative rules. Justin Hagel tracked these changes and sent them out to Board members during the discussion. Board members reviewed the changes as sent out during the meeting. Justin made a motion to approve the language of the administration rules as changed during the meeting and start the administrative rules process. Ernie seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion.

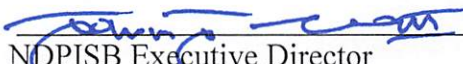
9. Randy made a motion to approve the 2-23-21 regular meeting minutes. Steve seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion.

10. Abednego Thomas Application. Justin made a motion to approve the application. Randy seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion.

11. Ernie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 A.M.

  
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