

IOWA ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD

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MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2006
OPEN SESSION

HELD BY PHONE FROM: Jessie Parker Building, 510 East 12th, Des Moines, Iowa
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Albert, Janet Carl, Gerald Sullivan, Betsy Roe, Pat Harper
STAFF PRESENT: W. Charles Smithson, Sandy Reier

A. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chair Albert at 4:03 p.m.

Pursuant to 21.8 of the Code of Iowa, the meeting was held telephonically because of the impossibility and impracticability of convening an in-person meeting in Des Moines to discuss two agenda items, as well as the urgency of moving the issues forward in advance of the next in-person meeting.

B. ADVISORY OPINION TO DAVID BOYD, STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR – It was moved by Roe and seconded by Harper to adopt the draft opinion with Alternative I after deleting references to clerks of court and including footnote 2 in the body of the opinion. Roe, Harper, Carl, and Albert voted yes. Sullivan voted no. Motion carried.

- C. It was moved by Harper and seconded by Sullivan to adopt the following rules. Motion carried.
1. ARC 5271B – Amends the Board’s Code of Ethics by reflecting current Board policies, procedures, and recent statutory amendments.
 2. ARC 5270B – Corrects a cite to a recently renumbered rule.
 3. ARC 5276B – Removes the \$50 cap on the use of candidate campaign funds to purchase tickets to meals that are part of another candidate’s fundraiser.
 4. ARC 5278B – Amends rule on placement of a correction notice to resolve a “paid for by” violation to reflect current Board policies and procedures.
 5. ARC 5277B – Inserts a “first time prior notice” provision in the process of a permanent organization making a one-time contribution being assessed a civil penalty.
 6. ARC 5268B - Reflects the Board procedure of placing on its Web site a list of governmental positions that cannot engage in political activities for educational purposes (as these prohibitions are not under the Board’s statutory authority to enforce).
 7. ARC 5269B - Amends process for officials/employees of regulatory agencies to obtain consent to sell or lease goods or services to regulated entities to reflect statutory amendment from last session. Also adds “blanket consent” provision based on current Board policy.

8. ARC 5266B - Amends process for members of the Governor's Office to obtain consent to sell or lease goods or services to lobbyists and clients to reflect statutory amendment from last session. Also adds "blanket consent" provision based on current Board policy.

9. ARC 5267B - Adds Iowa Code section 8.7 (reporting of gifts, bequests, and grants) to the list of items for which the Board may impose discipline for violations.

D. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Reier".

Sandra Reier
Secretary