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LEGISLATIVE ETHICS BOARD MINUTES June 16, 2025

Present were: Larry Hoff, Chair; Laurie Dolan, Vice-Chair; Sen. Pedersen; Jessica Roberts; Rep. Hackney; Lynda Wilson (virtual); Pam Tajima Praeger (virtual); Jennifer Strus, Board counsel; Jeannie Gorrell, Senate counsel. .

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

The minutes for the May 5, 2025 Board meeting were approved.

There were no Employment Disclosure forms to review.

Board counsel updated the Board on her discussions with the Archives Department at the Secretary of State's (SOS) office. The draft contract between the SOS and the Board was sent to the Board previous to this meeting and was approved. It was also agreed that the chair would be the one to sign the contract. Counsel indicated that she informed the SOS of this and the contract was to be sent to and signed via docuSign by the chair. The chair indicated that he had not received it and Counsel stated she would check with the SOS again. Board counsel also indicated that the contact in the SOS stated that he wasn't sure he could get it done in the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2025. Sen. Pedersen asked whether we could pay in advance out of the Board's current appropriation. Counsel stated she would check.

Board counsel discussed with the Board the remaining Advisory Opinions to be reviewed including her recommendations. The Board approved Counsel's suggestions for whether to retire or retain the opinions.

Board counsel discussed the remaining Advisory Opinions left to be reviewed by the Board. It was determined that Board counsel would bring recommendations on whether to retain or retire the opinions to the next Board meeting.

Senate Counsel Gorrell raised an issue regarding a retired opinion (*Advisory Opinion* 2000 – No. 4). This opinion listed factors that must be met before state resources can be used to issue a press release whether or not it was election season. This opinion was retired by the Board in 2021 as a result of the Board's opinion in *Advisory Opinion* 2021 – No. 1. *Advisory Opinion* 2021 – No. 1 included two additional factors to the list but the opinion applied only during the election season. Ms. Gorrell was asking whether the Board meant to change the application of the factors from being considered when state resources would be used at any time or whether the Board intended that the factors be applied only during election season? The Board, after discussion, stated they did not intend to change the provisions of *Advisory*

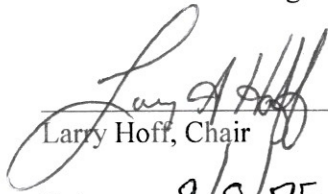
Opinion 2000 – No. 4. Board counsel was directed to review the former opinion to determine whether it should be retained and report on her opinion at the next Board meeting.

It was confirmed that the date for the next Board meeting is July 14, 2025 at 10:00 am.

There was no public testimony.

The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Executive session began at 10:45 am and adjourned at noon.



Larry Hoff, Chair
Date: 9/8/25_____

**The entirety of the public portion of this meeting can be viewed on TVW at the attached link
<https://tvw.org/video/legislative-ethics-board-2025061057/?eventID=2025061057>**