

DRAFT MINUTES

Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Oversight Committee

Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 – 4:00p-4:30p

Dave Pleasant Conference Room

Employment Department Central Office - Salem, Oregon

The meeting was called to order at 1:17pm by Chair Paul Holvey.

Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review

Chair Holvey welcomed members and attendees and asked all to introduce themselves. There were no additions to the agenda.

Committee and Staff Present

Denise Fjordbeck, Department of Justice

Rep. Paul Holvey, House District 8 & Chair of the Committee

Melissa Leoni, Government Relations Manager, Employment Department

Liani Reeves, Governor's Office

J. Kevin Shuba, Vice Chair of the Committee, Garrett Law Firm

Sen. Doug Whitsett, Senate District 28

Steve Wolf, Department of Justice

Other Attendees

Karla Forsythe, Retired Chief Administrative Law Judge

Sara Cromwell, Employment Appeals Board

Twyla Lawson, DAS

Jenn Rogers, DAS

Wilson Ta, Governor's Office

Steven Powers, Governor's Office

Governor Appointment of Chief Administrative Law Judge per ORS 183.610 – Oversight Committee Recommendations

Rep. Paul Holvey, Chair and

Chair Holvey and Twyla Lawson facilitated the committee discussion to make a recommendation to the Governor on one of the finalists for the position of Chief Administrative Law Judge (CALJ). The committee discussed the necessary skills of the position, with retired CALJ Ms. Forsythe stating that the duties of the CALJ are more management and organizing the office rather than the legal side of administrative law.

The committee discussed the possibility of the Governor's office doing a new recruitment or whether the committee should recommend either candidate. Concerns were expressed about the experience of each to manage an organization of the size of the OAH. The committee discussed having the position and salary range reviewed if there is a new recruitment; otherwise the results will be the same and the position won't attract candidates with the

necessary management experience. For example, Ms. Fjordbeck mentioned that at the Department of Justice, a position with this experience would be a PEM H while this is only a PEM G.

The committee discussed the qualifications of the two finalists, Scot Sideras and Stephen Madkour for their management skills and background in administrative law. Mr. Shuba made a motion to recommend Stephen Madkour to the Governor's Office for the CALJ position. Ms. Fjordbeck seconded the motion. Chair Holvey also recommended that the department and committee look at the position and salary range in the future. Motion passed unanimously with Ms. Reeves abstaining due to her role in the recruitment and selection process for the Governor.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is at the Call of the Chair.