

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

June 23, 2010

The Board of Examiners met on June 23, 2010, in the Annex on the second floor of the Capitol Building, 101 N. Carson St., Carson City, Nevada, at 10:00 a.m. Present were:

Members:

Governor Jim Gibbons
Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto
Secretary of State Ross Miller
Clerk Andrew K. Clinger

Others Present:

Susan Boskoff, Nevada Arts Council
Jim Spencer, Attorney General's Office
Katie Armstrong, Attorney General's Office
Michael E. Fischra, Department of Cultural Affairs
Evan Dale, Department of Administration
Nicole Lambole, Secretary of State's Office

Press:

Geoff Dornan, Nevada Appeal
Ed Vogel, Las Vegas Review Journal
Sean Whaley, Nevada News Bureau

***1. REQUEST FOR GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION FROM THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE (IFC) CONTINGENCY FUND**

A. Office of the Governor – ARRA Director’s Office - \$112,998

In accordance with NRS 353.268, the Office of the Governor – ARRA Director’s Office requests an allocation from the Interim Finance Committee Contingency Fund in the amount of \$112,998 to cover a portion of the personnel and operating expenditures for the ARRA Director’s Office.

Clerk’s Recommendation: I recommend approval.

Motion By: Secretary of State Seconded By: Attorney General Vote: 3-0

Comments:

Governor: Good morning everyone; the Board of Examiners meeting scheduled for today June 23, 2010 at 10:00am will come to order. Mr. Clerk note for the record the presence of all members. We have a very brief agenda and we will begin with agenda item 1 which is the request for general fund allocation from the Interim Finance Committee Contingency Fund. A is for the Office of the Governor, ARRA Director’s Office in the amount of \$112,998, Mr. Clerk.

Clerk: Thank you Governor. This request is as you said, for Interim Finance Committee Contingency Funds. This is to cover the ARRA Director’s Office for fiscal year 2011. This is to cover the portion that will not be funded through ARRA assessments. In the packet you will see if you look on page 2 under this item, on the top of that sheet, we anticipate that the office will be funded from \$212,990 from ARRA cost allocations. So those are administrative fees paid by all of the ARRA grants to this office in addition to the \$112,998, for a total funding for the office at \$325,988. If we do end up collecting more ARRA cost allocation fund than what we anticipate, we would revert that money back to the Interim Finance Committee’s Contingency Fund.

Governor: The \$112,000, or a portion of that?

Clerk: That is correct.

Governor: Any comments or questions with regard to this issue?

Attorney General: So Andrew, this amount of money, this total budget of \$325,000 approximately, that goes to fund the positions?

Clerk: That is correct. It goes to fund the positions as well as the operating costs. Again if you look in, it’s on page 4, actually there is a breakdown of the positions and the salaries for those positions. You can see a majority of the cost, almost \$300,000 is for positions, if you look on page 5 of your packet, you will see that in addition to the positions there is some travel expenditures as well for this funding.

Attorney General: And so, if you know this question, I think this is better for the Governor, I understand so far... so is it the intent to fill that position as soon as possible?

Secretary of State: How much historically was paid for by the State's budget? Do we have approximately the same split?

Clerk: In fiscal year 10'?

Secretary of State: Yes.

Clerk: It was approximately the same split, I don't have the exact numbers in front of me but we did receive an Interim Finance Committee allocation from fiscal year 10' as well and it was roughly the same amount.

Evan Dale: Hi my name is Evan Dale for the Department of Administration. In fiscal year 10' there was an IFC allocation for \$116,179. And the authorization to receive ARRA assessments was \$356,012 for a total of \$472,291. So in fiscal year 11' both of those numbers are going to be lower, both the IFC allocation and the ARRA assessment. And basically that's because of start up costs associated with setting up offices and so forth.

Secretary of State: And we have maxed out on the amount that we can contribute towards from ARRA funding...

Evan Dale: Well we are happy to estimate in those amounts because some of the ARRA grants will not allow the assessment to be collected and as we build those grants we find out about that. And also there may be some new grants that we don't yet know about. So it is at this point still an estimating game but this is our best estimate. And the details that I estimate is that out of the approximately 2.3 billion dollars of ARRA grants that the state has received, about 1.3 billion of those cannot pay, so that leaves about \$970 million that can pay towards this assessment so we are basing our estimates on that.

Attorney General: So is it safe to say that without this allocation today then the agency will be short funds in fiscal year 11'?

Evan Dale: That is the accurate statement.

Governor: Any other questions? Comments?

Secretary of State: Move for approval.

Governor: It has been moved for approval is there a second?

Attorney General: Second.

Governor: Seconded. Any comments or questions with regard to the motion? Hearing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Let the record reflect that agenda item 1A passed.

B. Department of Cultural Affairs – Cultural Affairs Administration - \$20,000

Pursuant to NRS 223.121, the department is requesting an allocation of \$20,000 from the Interim Finance Contingency Fund to provide funding for the Governor's portrait.

Clerk's Recommendation: I recommend approval.

Motion By: Secretary of State Seconded By: Attorney General Vote: 3-0

Comments:

Governor: Move on to agenda item 1B, the Department of Cultural Affairs, Cultural Affairs Administration in the amount of \$20,000, Mr. Clerk.

Clerk: Governor, Board members, this item is pursuant to NRS 223.121, this funding is to provide for the Governor's portrait. This will be allocated to the Department of Cultural Affairs and they will enter into a contract for that portrait.

Governor: Any comments or questions?

Secretary of State: Move for approval.

Attorney General: I will second the motion.

Governor: It has been moved and seconded. Any comments or questions with regard to the motion? Hearing none, those in favor signify by saying aye. Let the record reflect agenda item 2B passed.

2. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Governor: Move on to agenda item 2 which is Board member comments, any member of the Board wishing to make a comment at this time? Hearing none, we will move on to public comments, any member of the public wishing to make a comment at this time?

***3. ADJOURNMENT**

Governor: Hearing none, we will move on to agenda item number 3 which is adjournment.

Attorney General: Move to adjourn.

Secretary of State: Second.

Governor: Will no further business before the Board it has been moved and seconded for adjournment. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Let the record reflect we are adjourned.

Motion By: Attorney General Seconded By: Secretary of State Vote: 3-0

Comments:

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW K. CLINGER, CLERK

APPROVED:

GOVERNOR JIM GIBBONS, CHAIRMAN

ATTORNEY GENERAL CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO

SECRETARY OF STATE ROSS MILLER