Commission Meeting

of

STATE HOUSE COMMISSION

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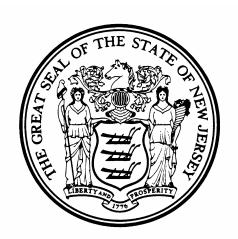
Trenton, New Jersey

DATE: September 16, 2005

1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS OF COMMISSION PRESENT:

Mark Fleming, Chair
(Representing Acting Governor Richard J. Codey)
Senator Walter J. Kavanaugh, Vice Chair
Senator Bob Smith
Charlene M. Holzbaur
Robert L. Smartt
(Representing State Treasurer John E. McCormac)



ALSO PRESENT:

Robert J. Shaughnessy, Counsel

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(The New Jersey State House Commission held a special meeting on September 16, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. Members of the Commission present via teleconference were Mark Fleming, Senator Walter J. Kavanaugh, and Senator Bob Smith. Members of the Commission present in person were Charlene M. Holzbaur and Robert L. Smartt. Robert J. Shaughnessy, DAG, was also present.)

MR. SHAUGHNESSY (Counsel): It's Bob Shaughnessy.

Since we're doing via teleconference, if you could just identify yourself so that we know who is moving and seconding.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Let's get the meeting--

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Let's get the meeting rolling.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Let's call the meeting to order.

How about a roll call, Bob.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Okay. I'd be happy to.

Mr. Fleming, on behalf of Acting Governor Codey.

MARK FLEMING (Chair): Here.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Director Holzbaur.

DIRECTOR HOLZBAUR: Here.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Senator Kavanaugh.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Here.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Here.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: And Mr. Smartt, on behalf of the Treasurer.

DEPUTY TREASURER SMARTT: Here.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: All right. The purpose of today's meeting is to--

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: And notice has been provided, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

I'm sorry, Senator.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: And we've met the rules and requirements.

So at this time, if we have the reading of -- or accepting of the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

SENATOR SMITH: Move the acceptance of the minutes.

DEPUTY TREASURER SMARTT: Second.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Who moved it?

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Smith.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Thank you, Senator.

Seconded by Mr. Smartt.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Who just came on? Hello?

Two people just came on.

Does anyone want to own up to being on the line? Wisniewski or Biondi? Nobody.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Guess not.

DEPUTY TREASURER SMARTT: It's 101.5, Senator.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: I couldn't hear you, Bob.

DEPUTY TREASURER SMARTT: It's 101.5.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: That's it. They're on there.

Okay.

Now, a motion for the minutes.

SENATOR SMITH: Moved by Senator Smith.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Moved by Senator Smith, seconded by Mr. Smartt. I'll take the roll call then.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Okay. Go ahead.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Mr. Fleming.

MR. FLEMING: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Mr. Smartt.

DEPUTY TREASURER SMARTT: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Ms. Holzbaur.

DIRECTOR HOLZBAUR: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Senator Kavanaugh.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Motion passes.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Okay. The purpose of this teleconference is to select a new Secretary. Is there anyone here who--

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Is this going to be-- It's properly-- If the State House Commission wants -- to be properly done in Executive Session as a personnel matter, if the Commission so desires.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: It's just as easy. So when the newspapers say, "What happened?" "It was personnel that got together."

So at this time, is there anyone -- in the Executive Session.

Or should we go into Executive Session?

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Yes, it would be appropriate. And then we could--

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Motion for Executive Session.

DEPUTY TREASURER SMARTT: Moved.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: By Smith.

MR. FLEMING: Second by Fleming.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Thank you.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Roll call.

If you want to write them--

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Mr. Fleming, please.

MR. FLEMING: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Mr. Smartt.

DEPUTY TREASURER SMARTT: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Ms. Holzbaur.

DIRECTOR HOLZBAUR: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Senator Kavanaugh.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Okay. Motion to move into Executive Session is passed.

(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Roll call, please.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Yes, roll call.

Mr. Fleming.

MR. FLEMING: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Mr. Smartt.

DEPUTY TREASURER SMARTT: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Ms. Holzbaur.

DIRECTOR HOLZBAUR: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Senator Kavanaugh.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: And Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Okay, now back in regular session.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Yes, sir.

SENATOR SMITH: Motion to adjourn.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Okay. Any second?

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Second.

DEPUTY TREASURER SMARTT: Before we adjourn, do we have a next meeting date?

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: I don't believe so.

Why don't--

DEPUTY TREASURER SMARTT: I think, if I'm not mistaken-- I think that Mr. Hayman's office checked, and it looked like September 29, at 1:00 p.m., works for everybody. I just wanted to confirm that.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: I haven't heard that. What day is the 29th?

DEPUTY TREASURER SMARTT: It's a Thursday.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Thursday. That's good. It's going to be--

DEPUTY TREASURER SMARTT: I understand they did check with your office, Senator.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: That's all right. I'm okay for the 29th.

How about the rest.

SENATOR SMITH: Let me take one quick look at the calendar. September 29, 1:00 p.m., is fine.

This is Smith speaking.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: The only thing is, what do we have to do on the 29th besides just-- I know Sam, you know Sam. What is it, meet and greet Sam Crane?

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: We understand, Senator, there's a number of State House Commission matters, including DEP matters, that need to be moved.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: All right. As long as it's just not one item. Gas is too expensive.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Mr. Hayman, here, has indicated that it's a number of items.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: All right. I'll hold you to it.

Now, do we have some other members who have signed on? Did anyone just pick up? They're afraid to talk to us.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: No one is present here, Senator, beyond those that were originally here.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Okay.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Yes.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: All right, there's a motion to adjourn.

Is there any other -- to come before us?

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: I think that we should at least announce in public session the nomination and the vote that has been taken.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Oh, yes. I thought you'd take care of that -- announcing the--

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Yes, announcing that the motion has been seconded and unanimously approved to appoint the nominee and make the nomination of Sam Crane as the new Secretary to the State House Commission.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Also put a little bit of his background in there, showing that we're very smart when we pick our secretaries.

DEPUTY TREASURER SMARTT: We can have a biography prepared, Senator, and have that inserted in the record.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Good.

Well, if no one else-- It's been moved and seconded.

Roll call.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Mr. Fleming.

MR. FLEMING: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Mr. Smartt.

DEPUTY TREASURER SMARTT: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Director Holzbaur.

DIRECTOR HOLZBAUR: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Senator Kavanaugh.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: And Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Okay. It has been officially voted upon and is moved and authorized.

SENATOR KAVANAUGH: If you rush, you can still get 18 holes in. (laughter)

Thanks guys.

SENATOR SMITH: Everybody have a great weekend.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Thank you.

(MEETING CONCLUDED)