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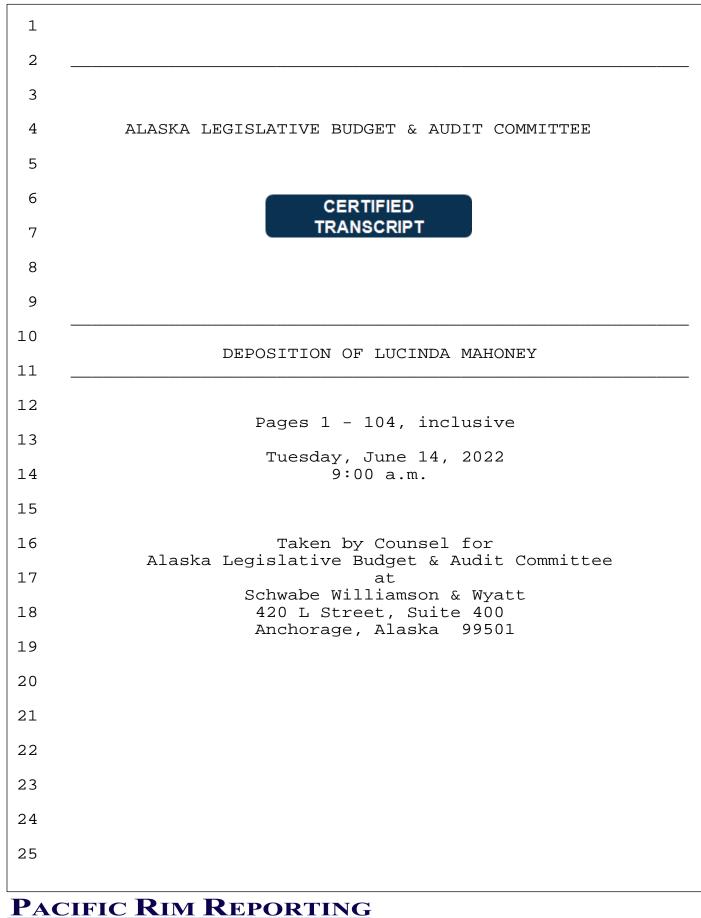
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| 2 | For Alaska | Legislative Budget & Audit Committee: | | 2 | 8:57 a.m., |
| 3 | Chris | topher J. Slottee d S. Trickey | | 3 | called as a witness herein, being first duly sworn to |
| 4 | | d S. Trickey be Williamson & Wyatt | | 4 | state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the |
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| | 907-3 | 39-7130 | | 5 | truth, testified under oath as follows: |
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| 7 | | - | | 7 | BY MR. SLOTTEE: |
| 8 | | Permanent Fund Corporation: M. Ptacin | | 8 | Q Thank you, Commissioner Mahoney. Could you |
| 9 | Sedor | Wendlandt Evans & Filippi | | 9 | state your full name for the record. |
| y y | | Street, Suite 500 rage, Alaska 99501 | | 10 | A Lucinda Mahoney. |
| 10 | | 77-3600 n@alaskalaw.pro | | 11 | Q And what is your current position with the |
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| 12 | | ate of Alaska Executive Branch: ca Leeah | | 13 | |
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| | jessi | ca.leeah@alaska.gov | | 18 | the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee, who is |
| 17 18 | alan. | birnbaum@alaska.gov | | 19 | conducting an investigation into the processes employed by |
| | Court Repo | | | 20 | the Board of Trustees to evaluate the performance of the |
| 19 | Pacif | A. Vavrik, RMR ic Rim Reporting, LLC | | 21 | executive director and the termination of Angela Rodell |
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| 25 | | PACIFIC RIM REPORTING (907) 272-4383 | | 25 | understand what I said, either because I'm speaking too |
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| 1 | DV3 MTN3 DT C | INDEX | | 1 | quickly or you're not quite sure of the time frame, please |
| 2 | EXAMINATION | 4 | | 2 | just interrupt me and say, can you be more specific, what |
| | LUCINDA MAH | IONEY P | PAGE | | time frame are you talking about. Okay? |
| 3 | Examinat | ion By Mr. Slottee 4 | 1 | 4 | A Okay. Sounds good. |
| 4 | | | | 5 | Q So you you started as a commissioner or were |
| 5 | EXHIBITS | | | 6 | appointed to be sorry a trustee in 2020, correct? |
| | EXHIBIT | DESCRIPTION P | PAGE | | |
| 6 | Exh 1 | Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Board 5 | 5 | 7 | A Correct. |
| 7 | | of Trustees Charters and Governance | | 8 | Q Were you part of the Governance Committee when |
| 8 | Exh 2 | Policies (37 pgs.) November 4, 2020 email (1 pg.) 9 | , | 9 | they approved the revised Board of Trustees charters and |
| | Exh 3 | 2020 survey responses (21 pgs.) 1 | 11 | 10 | governance policies in September of 2020? |
| 9 | Exh 4 | December 7, 2020 email with attached 1 report (26 pgs.) | 11 | 11 | A Yes. |
| 10 | Exh 5 | December 1, 2020 memo with attached 1 | L2 | 12 | Q So I'm going to mark this as Exhibit 1. I'm |
| 11 | Exh 6 | <pre>self-evaluation (3 pgs.) December 7 and 8, 2020 email chain 1</pre> | 15 | 13 | going to be referring to this throughout the meeting |
| | | (1 pg.) | | 14 | |
| 12 | Exh 7 | December 6, 2021 survey summary report . 3 | 32 | 15 | - |
| 13 | Exh 8 | (6 pgs.) Final 2021 CEO performance evaluation 3 | 37 | | |
| 14 | Exh 9 | summary results (29 pgs.) | | 16 | |
| 14 | TYTI A | SurveyMonkey performance evaluation 4 email (2 pgs.) | IU | 17 | Q Okay. So do you recall this the document |
| 15 | Exh 10 | November 20, 2021 email (2 pgs.) 4 | | 18 | that I gave you, which is titled Alaska Permanent Fund |
| 16 | Exh 11 Exh 12 | Tweet (1 pg.) 5 Calendar entries (2 pgs.) 6 | | 19 | Corporation Board of Trustees Charters and Governance |
| | Exh 13 | December 7, 2021 emails with attachment 9 | | 20 | Policies? |
| 17 18 | | (3 pgs.) | | 21 | A I recall it, yes. |
| 19 | | | | 22 | - |
| 20 21 | | | | 23 | |
| 22 | | | | 23 24 | |
| 23 24 | | | | | A I mean, I would likely need to review the agenda |
| 25 | | | | 25 | and make absolutely sure, but if I'm assuming that what |
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| 1 | you are saying is accurate, so I would say yes. | 1 | that consultant in 2020 about the contents of the survey? |
| 2 | Q It has a date of September 24, 2020. | 2 | A I'm thinking. |
| 3 | A You are right. It does. | 3 | Q Uh-huh. |
| 4 | Q All right. So I'm going to turn you to page, at | 4 | A I did talk to her, so I'm trying to remember |
| 5 | the bottom, page 32 of the document, or it's marked at the | 5 | what I talked to her about. Yeah. I think I did talk to |
| 6 | bottom APFC-SWEF 111. | 6 | her about the survey. |
| 7 | A Page 32. Right. | 7 | Q Okay. What do you recall talking to her about |
| 8 | Q Yes. And it's titled the Executive Director | 8 | the survey? |
| 9 | Performance Evaluation Policy? | 9 | A I remember reading it, and I think I asked her |
| 10 | A I see it. | 10 | to add something to the survey, but I don't remember what |
| 11 | Q Okay. And so under Policy Guidelines under | 11 | it was. |
| 12 | Roles and Responsibilities, the No. 4, what's paragraph 4, | 12 | Q So was it the consultant who kind of prepared |
| 13 | it says, "The board may retain the services of an | 13 | |
| 14 | independent third party to facilitate and administer the | 14 | A Yes. |
| 15 | performance evaluation in order to ensure the integrity | 15 | Q And then trustees at least you were asked for |
| 16 | and confidentiality of the process." | 16 | some input into if you had any changes or questions about |
| 17 | Do you recall discussions over, including that | | it? |
| 18 | language in this 2020 version when this when this | 18 | A I think so. Yeah. That's what I recall. |
| | packet of policies or charters was adopted? | 19 | Q Do you remember if Ms. Rodell had any was |
| 19 | A No. | 20 | |
| 20 | | 20 | had any discussions with the consultant over the contents of the survey? |
| 21 | | 21 | A I don't know. |
| 22 | Trustees about wanting to bring in a third-party | | |
| 23 | consultant to handle the evaluation of the executive | 23 | Q You weren't part of any of those conversations |
| 24 | director or | | that you recall? |
| 25 | A I don't recall the conversation in September of | 25 | A No, no. |
| 4 | Page 7 2020. | 1 | Page 9 |
| 1 | | 1 | Q I'm going to give you what's going to be marked |
| 2 | Q Okay. All right. And then it goes on to say: | 2 | as Exhibit 2, which is an email from Steve Rieger to |
| 3 | The board will establish I'm looking at paragraph 5. | 3 | Lucinda Mahoney, Craig Richards, Angela Rodell and Chad |
| 4 | It says, "The board will establish a survey to provide | 4 | Brown dated November 4, 2020. |
| | trustees with a tool for evaluating the performance of the | 5 | A Okay. So do you want me to read the whole thing |
| 6 | executive director based on a number of criteria, | 6 | or |
| 7 | including the following." And there is (a) through (e). | 7 | Q If you want to, yes. |
| 8 | Do you see that? | 8 | A Okay. Okay. |
| 9 | A I do. | 9 | (Exhibit No. 2 marked.) |
| 10 | Q So I have a few questions I'm going to ask you | 10 | |
| 11 | about that survey. | 11 | Q Okay. So Steve Rieger, was he a trustee at the |
| 12 | A Okay. | | time? |
| 13 | Q So do you recall anything about hiring a | 13 | |
| 14 | consultant in 2020 to help develop that survey? | 14 | |
| 15 | A Ido. | 15 | |
| 16 | Q Okay. What generally do you recall about that? | 16 | 0 |
| | | 17 | time? |
| 17 | A I just remember that a consultant was hired to | | |
| | manage the process. That's it. And that's all I | 18 | A Yes. |
| 17 18 19 | manage the process. That's it. And that's all I remember. | 18 19 | Q Was he chair at that time? |
| 17 18 19 20 | manage the process. That's it. And that's all I remember. Q Did you play any role in selecting the | 18 19 20 | Q Was he chair at that time?A No. |
| 17 18 19 20 21 | manage the process. That's it. And that's all I remember. | 18 19 20 21 | Q Was he chair at that time? |
| 17 18 19 20 21 22 | manage the process. That's it. And that's all I remember. Q Did you play any role in selecting the consultant? A No. | 18 19 20 | Q Was he chair at that time?A No. |
| 17 18 19 20 21 | manage the process. That's it. And that's all I remember. Q Did you play any role in selecting the consultant? | 18 19 20 21 22 23 | Q Was he chair at that time? A No. Q Who was chair? A I don't think so. I think at that time it was Bill Moran. |
| 17 18 19 20 21 22 | manage the process. That's it. And that's all I remember. Q Did you play any role in selecting the consultant? A No. | 18 19 20 21 22 | Q Was he chair at that time? A No. Q Who was chair? A I don't think so. I think at that time it was Bill Moran. |

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| | So if you see the beginning of the email it | 1 | same survey was distributed to staff as to the board. |
| | ences Vicki Graham being chosen as a consultant. Do | 2 | Okay. So my inclination was correct. Thank you for |
| - | emember Vicki Graham? | 3 | providing that. |
| | l do. | 4 | BY MR. SLOTTEE: |
| | Do you remember, was it Steve Rieger's decision | 5 | Q And then in addition to the so did you |
| | gage her, or was it a trustee like the entire | 6 | obviously this is dated December sorry. December 7, |
| | d decided to engage her? | 7 | 2020. Do you recall reviewing this prior to having |
| - | I recall that Steve had made a recommendation | 8 | executive session in 2020 to discuss Ms. Rodell's |
| | Vicki be hired to manage the process. | 9 | performance? |
| 10 C | | 10 | |
| - | she was retained versus somebody else? | 11 | Q Okay. |
| | No, I don't. | 12 | |
| | Okay. So if you look at the second paragraph, | 13 | |
| - | ys, "Following that, Ms. Graham plans to design a | 14 | ···· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| | stionnaire to be circulated to the six trustees, plus a | 15 | |
| | stionnaire to be circulated to top staff and possibly | 16 | November 30, 2020 dated December 1, 2020. |
| | to a sample of others at the organization. She will | 17 | (Exhibit No. 5 marked.) |
| | ive the responses confidentially and anonymize the | 18 | |
| | back." | 19 | Q So as part of the executive director evaluation |
| 20 | Do you recall any discussions with Ms. Graham | 20 | process, Ms. Rodell was provided a copy of the report on |
| | it who which employees within APFC to include in | 21 | the survey, is that right? And then she was given an |
| | survey? | 22 | opportunity to provide a written response? |
| - | No. | 23 | U U |
| 24 G | | 24 | |
| 25 trust | ees about which employees to include in that survey? | 25 | A I don't know. I wasn't involved in the process |
| 1 A | Page 11 | 4 | Page 13 |
| 1 A 2 Q | Do you recall any discussions with Ms. Rodell | 1 | itself. I just reviewed the outputs. Q Okay. So did the did the Governance |
| | which employees to include in that survey? | 3 | Committee meet prior to the executive session in 2020 to |
| 4 A | | 4 | discuss the survey results and what report would be |
| | h, but I don't recall. | 5 | provided to the trustees? |
| | Okay. Do you recall, was it the same | 6 | A I don't recall. I mean, I remember that we had |
| | ionnaire that the did the trustees in 2020 receive | 7 | a meeting of the whole, the entire board. I don't recall |
| | ame questionnaire/survey that the employees received? | 8 | a specific governance meeting with just, like, three |
| | Yes. I believe so. There would be a document | | people. |
| | re we could go back and look at that to be sure. | 10 | Q Okay. Well, if we could turn back to the |
| 11 Q | | 11 | policies that I gave to you earlier, and if we go to |
| 12 A | | 12 | |
| | ished where I could make sure that my response was | 13 | |
| 14 accu | | 14 | - |
| | Let me give you what we will mark as Exhibit 3, | 15 | |
| | h will be the 2020 survey responses. | 16 | |
| 17 | (Exhibit No. 3 marked.) | 17 | the executive director to review the evaluation survey and |
| | IR. SLOTTEE: | 18 | criteria and agree on any changes. In 2020 that was Steve |
| | Actually, I'm also going to give you this, which | 19 | Rieger, right? |
| v | email from Vicki Graham to Steve Rieger, yourself | 20 | A Yes. |
| 20 is an | | | Q Okay. And then No. 8 is: Towards the end of |
| | Craig Richards on December 7th with the final report | 121 | |
| 21 and (| Craig Richards on December 7th with the final report the 2020 survey. | 21 | - |
| 21 and 0 22 from | the 2020 survey. | 22 | the calendar year before the fourth quarter meeting of the |
| 21 and 0 22 from 23 | the 2020 survey. MR. SLOTTEE: So make that as Exhibit 4. | 22 23 | the calendar year before the fourth quarter meeting of the board, the vice chair will distribute a packet of |
| 21 and 0 22 from | the 2020 survey. | 22 | the calendar year before the fourth quarter meeting of the board, the vice chair will distribute a packet of materials to each trustee which will include either a |

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| 1 | budget and the evaluation survey and criteria to be filled | 1 | A I mean, I'm reading the email that you have |
| 2 | out by the trustees, right? | 2 | here, and I suspect this is all there was. I don't recall |
| 3 | A That's what it says, uh-huh. | 3 | any verbal discussions. So we didn't meet. |
| 4 | Q Do you recall receiving the survey in 2020 and | 4 | Q So to your recollection, nobody objected to not |
| 5 | filling it out? | 5 | having a Governance Committee at the time? |
| 6 | A Yes. | 6 | A That's correct, because it's ultimately a vote |
| 7 | Q And then 9 says: The trustees should complete | 7 | of all the six. I mean, everybody discussed you know, |
| 8 | the survey and return it to the facilitator. The | 8 | everybody has got to talk about it, not just three. |
| 9 | facilitator will tabulate the results and present a report | 9 | Q All right. Did to your recollection, did the |
| 10 | summarizing the results to the Governance Committee, | 10 | Governance Committee ever meet just as the Governance |
| 11 | together with the completed evaluation surveys. The | 11 | Committee to consider evaluation of Ms. Rodell's |
| 12 | committee will review the report and submit it to the | 12 | performance or surveys related to her performance? |
| 13 | board. | 13 | A No. |
| 14 | And then No. 10 says: The board will meet in | 14 | Q All right. So then in 2021 I want to turn to |
| 15 | executive session to review and discuss the results of the | 15 | the survey process in 2021. And in 2021, the Board of |
| 16 | executive director's performance evaluation. The | 16 | Trustees did not use Vicki Graham or another consultant to |
| 17 | Governance Committee will prepare a draft evaluation | 17 | manage the evaluation process, is that right? |
| 18 | report with the executive director's assessment and | 18 | A That's right. |
| 19 | summary of the evaluation results attached as appendices. | 19 | Q And in 2021, were you the vice chair of the |
| 20 | And so my questions are just kind of generally | 20 | vice chair at that time? |
| 21 | on the use of the Governance Committee, but I also want to | 21 | A Yeah. |
| 22 | give you this before I ask you there to make sure we have | 22 | Q So therefore the chair of the Governance |
| 23 | full context here. | 23 | Committee? |
| 24 | We'll mark this as Exhibit 6. This is an email | 24 | A Yes. |
| 25 | from Steve Rieger it's an email chain between Steve | 25 | Q So were you involved in the process of |
| <u> </u> | Page 15 | | Page 17 |
| 1 | Rieger, Lucinda Mahoney and Craig Richards on December 7, | 1 | developing the survey of Ms. Rodell's performance in 2021? |
| 2 | 2020. | 2 | A Yes. |
| 3 | (Exhibit No. 6 marked.)? | 3 | Q So in 2021 why was a consultant, third-party |
| 4 | BY MR. SLOTTEE: | 4 | consultant, not used to facilitate that evaluation of |
| 5 | Q So I just kind of summarized the evaluation | 5 | Ms. Rodell's performance? |
| 6 | process as stated in the 2020 board charter package. And | 6 | A I thought about it and concluded that we didn't |
| 7 | then we have this email from Steve Rieger to you and Craig | 7 | need the consultant because we were going to essentially |
| 8 | Richards on December 7, 2020, and particularly the second | 8 | use the same survey questions that she had developed. I |
| 9 | paragraph where he says: I would like to have Ms. Graham | 9 | am very familiar with SurveyMonkey you know, as a tool |
| 10 | circulate these review documents to all trustees | 10 | because we have deployed it at the Department of Revenue |
| 11 | beforehand, and we would go directly to the executive | 11 | several times with over 450 people potentially using the |
| 12 | session with all six trustees present without holding a | 12 | survey. |
| 13 | Governance Committee meeting, even though our Governance | 13 | Additionally, I am just a person who is focused |
| 14 | Committee policies call for the documents to be presented | 14 | on saving money, and so, you know, I believe that if |
| 15 | to the full board by the Governance Committee. | 15 | you know, if I compiled the survey, we could save a little |
| 16 | If you have any objection to bypassing this step | 16 | bit of money. Granted, it's not a lot. |
| 17 | of having a Governance Committee meeting beforehand, | 17 | But more importantly, my goal was to try to |
| 18 | please let me know. Otherwise, I will plan to have | 18 | establish a standardized annual process for these |
| 19 | Ms. Graham present circulate the documents to all the | 19 | performance reviews such that it would be like clockwork |
| 20 | trustees the following day. | 20 | every year. You know, we would reevaluate the questions. |
| 21 | Do you see that? | 21 | They are very simple to update or change in SurveyMonkey. |
| 22 | A Ido. | 22 | Distribute, and then the software tool compiles the |
| 23 | Q Do you recall any discussions or in 2020 | 23 | results and the graphs. And it's easy. |
| 24 | around not having that Governance Committee meeting and | 24 | Q So did any of the questions in the survey change |
| | | | |
| 25 | just going directly to the full board? | 25 | from 2020 to 2021 that you recall? |

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| 1 | A There was one question that that I wanted in | | didn't want to be associated with a group. |
| 2 | there, which was just a a component associated with | 2 | Q Okay. And so why did you was that a choice |
| 3 | listening. You know, I think listening is a very | 3 | that you made to set it up in that way? |
| 4 | important attribute for a manager. And I think Craig | 4 | A I'm thinking about that. And it was done that |
| 5 | Richards also made a suggestion there is an email on | 5 | way the prior year. |
| 6 | that | 6 | Q Did you agree with that approach? And why was |
| 7 | Q Uh-huh. | 7 | it set up like that or what would be your rationale for |
| 8 | A for an update to one of the questions. | 8 | setting it up like that? |
| 9 | Q Okay. And did you so in 2020 not all of the | 9 | A The reason for setting it up that way was to |
| 10 | employees of APFC received the survey link. It was a | 10 | just get an understanding of how Angela's performance was |
| 11 | selection that was chosen by the consultant. In 2021, all | 11 | viewed between the investor staff and the operations staff |
| 12 | of the employees at least had the option to complete the | 12 | and the board, which was the same as as what Vicki had |
| 13 | survey, is that correct? | 13 | done the year before. |
| 14 | A Yes. | 14 | Q But it was an option so people could select |
| 15 | Q Was there do you recall what was your | 15 | neither so they didn't have to self-identify? |
| 16 | rationale between behind expanding the kind of reach of | 16 | A Yeah, I think it may have been if I could go |
| 17 | the survey to 100 percent of the employees at least having | 17 | back and see if that was what |
| 18 | | 18 | Q Sure. |
| 19 | A Sure. You know, the more responses that you | 19 | A No. It was there. It was called "prefer not to |
| 20 | have in a survey, the more accurate it could be. And plus | 20 | say." So it was there. There was no difference. So |
| 21 | with the power of the software compiling all the results, | 21 | there is no difference. |
| 22 | | 22 | Q Okay. Was there any kind of when people took |
| 23 | responses because of the way that the software compiles | 23 | |
| 24 | | 24 | log in or do something to confirm that they are an |
| 25 | And plus, as I had mentioned before, we have | 25 | |
| | | | |
| 1 | Page 19 successfully run these surveys in the Department of | 1 | Page 21 A I believe so, but that was all administered by |
| | Revenue with hundreds of people and, you know, we just get | | Chad. |
| | really good results. So I believe that the more the | 3 | Q Okay. Okay. Are you aware, was there any |
| | feedback, the better we would be able to evaluate. | 4 | restrictions on somebody taking the survey more than once? |
| 5 | Q So were you did you were you like an | 5 | A I'm not aware that someone did take the survey |
| | administrator on the, like, SurveyMonkey and software | 6 | more than once. That would have been unethical. However, |
| | platform in that you could go in there and change the | 7 | it's my understanding that there are controls. And we did |
| | questions and | 8 | not customize the software tool at all. It's off the |
| | | | |
| 9 10 | A No, I didn't do that. Q Who did that? | | shelf. |
| | | 10 | Q Was it the same that was the same software |
| 11 | A Genevieve. | 11 | tool that was used in 2020, right? |
| 12 | Q And you would tell her what to change, and she | 12 | A Yeah. Yes. I'm sorry. |
| 13 | would go in there and change it? | 13 | Q So the type of survey, I've seen it referred |
| 14 | A Yeah. And it was just, I think, three or four | 14 | the type of survey that was used in 2021 in 2020, is it |
| 15 | | 15 | referred to as a 360-degree survey; is that accurate? |
| 16 | what Vicki had developed. | 16 | A Uh-huh. |
| 17 | Q And for the survey, when employees took it, did | 17 | Q What is your understanding of what a 360-degree |
| 18 | , , | 18 | survey is? |
| 19 | necessarily well, did they identify what their job | 19 | A It's a representation of opinions about |
| 20 | title was or their position was in APFC? | 20 | performance for that are obtained from subordinates, as |
| 21 | A No. | 21 | well as bosses. So it's a full review. |
| 22 | Q Did they identify in any way? | 22 | Q Did the board receive any kind of training or |
| 23 | A Yes. They were asked to identify whether they | 23 | education on the strengths and weaknesses of using a |
| 24 | were under investments, operations, board or neither. | 24 | 360-degree review for a performance evaluation? |
| 25 | There was an option for neither just in case somebody | 25 | A You know, I don't recall anything in 2020 |
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| 1 | because that would have been the year, in my opinion, when | 1 | Q Yeah. You mentioned there were a variety of |
| 2 | it would have been appropriate to do that because we were, | 2 | data points that the trustees considered when evaluating |
| 3 | you know, essentially doing the same as what had been done | 3 | performance in 2021. You identified Trustee Schutt |
| 4 | the prior year. | 4 | expressing a concern over this op ed. I'm asking what |
| 5 | Q Did you have any concerns over using the | 5 | other data points were considered. |
| 6 | 360-degree survey? Did you, like, well, this is it's | 6 | A Let me think about that. So there was |
| 7 | good for what it's worth, but you have these X concerns | 7 | significant discussion about past performance reviews and |
| 8 | about that type of process? | 8 | the problems that existed in the past that had not been |
| 9 | A I didn't have concerns about it, but I also | 9 | resolved. So that would not have been an item that would |
| 10 | recognize that these type of surveys represent one data | 10 | have been on the 2021 performance review. And that was, |
| 11 | point of many that you or we, the trustees, would use | 11 | you know, a pretty significant concern for some of the |
| 12 | to evaluate Angela's performance. It's not the sole | 12 | trustees. |
| 13 | thing. It's a reference. | 13 | Q What were the items that had been kind of |
| 14 | Q Okay. In 2021, what were the other data points | 14 | that were addressed in 2021 in this executive session |
| 15 | that were used to evaluate Ms. Rodell's performance? | 15 | about past problems that had not been resolved? |
| 16 | A In the executive session, some of the trustees | 16 | A One problem was associated with what we refer to |
| 17 | talked about areas of concern that were not on the 360. | 17 | as the silos in the Permanent Fund Corporation. It's an |
| 18 | Q What were those areas of concern? | 18 | organizational structure concern. And there is a lot of |
| 19 | A One trustee talked about an op ed that Angela | 19 | conflict and tension between the operations staff and the |
| 20 | had written in the newspaper without working or | 20 | investment staff. And that causes internal problems |
| 21 | notifying the trustees that she was doing that. | 21 | within the organization. |
| 22 | Q Which trustee was that? | 22 | Angela had recognized that that was a problem, |
| 23 | A Trustee Schutt. | 23 | you know, for many years that she was unable to resolve. |
| 24 | Q And what was the subject matter of the op ed, if | 24 | And the board we also talked about how the board |
| 25 | you recall? | 25 | recognized that this was a problem that they had asked |
| 1 | Page 23 A Potential government shutdown and the impact on | 1 | Page 25 Angela to try to resolve this. They had sent her to |
| | the Permanent Fund. | 2 | management training to try to help her improve her skills |
| 3 | Q Was Trustee Schutt's was the concern over the | 3 | to resolve this problem, and it was still unresolved. |
| | op ed about the substance or the process? | 4 | Q So where were you seeing evidence of the the |
| 5 | A I think you should ask him. | 5 | continued issue of a silo between and the conflict |
| 6 | Q Well, based on what you recall what he said at | 6 | between investment and operations? Was it based on the |
| - | the time. | 7 | survey comments or in addition to the survey comments? |
| 8 | A I think it was both, but that's what I recall. | 8 | A For me personally, it was just the survey |
| | I mean, there was a lot said in that meeting, and there | 9 | comments. I didn't talk to the staff about those type of |
| 1 | were four hours of discussion. It's hard to remember the | | issues. That was her job. |
| 11 | | 11 | Q Okay. And so the board had asked Angela to go |
| 12 | Q Sure. But what other data points do you | 12 | to management training to try to help her develop the |
| 13 | remember being a subject matter that was considered by the | 13 | tools to address these silo issues that had been |
| 14 | | 14 | previously identified? |
| | in 2021? | 15 | A That's what I understand. This was before I got |
| 16 | MR. PTACIN: I'm sorry. The first question was | 16 | there. Okay? So and I'm just saying that those were |
| 17 | | 17 | references that people addressed that were in addition to |
| 18 | MR. SLOTTEE: I thought my first question was | 18 | |
| 19 | | 19 | Q Okay. Well, let's say while you were there. So |
| 20 | THE WITNESS: '21. | 20 | in 2020 and in 2021 I guess it may just be from post |
| 21 | MR. PTACIN: Sorry. Go ahead. | 21 | 2020. Was there something that was asked of Ms. Rodell to |
| 22 | THE WITNESS: Yeah. It was '21. Yeah. | 22 | do in regards to the operation this silo between |
| 23 | So you are asking me what was discussed are | 23 | operations and investment while you were there that you |
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| 3 | of evaluating Ms. Rodell's performance in 2021 about that | 3 | |
| 4 | specific issue? Not that specific issue. Sorry. The | | |
| 5 | issue of how much to weight the actual financial | 5 | that topic. So we looked at factors, but did we say, this |
| 6 | performance of the Permanent Fund Corporation versus, for | 6 | one is worth 10 percent, this one is worth 30 percent? |
| 7 | example, the siloing issue that you identified, the | 7 | |
| 8 | training issue that you identified earlier. Was there a | 8 | Q Okay. Did you other than the so you had |
| 9 | discussion over the relative weights to apply to the | 9 | the survey results with you. Not the raw survey |
| 10 | different factors? | 10 | |
| 11 | A There were no weights. | 11 | |
| 12 | Q No formal weights? | 12 | Q And actually, let me get that in front of you |
| 13 | A No. | 13 | just to make sure. |
| 14 | Q Did the board have | 14 | MR. SLOTTEE: We are on Exhibit 7? 6? |
| 15 | A There was no statistical number, if that's what | 15 | (Exhibit No. 7 marked.) |
| 16 | you are asking. No. I mean, I don't think that's how you | 16 | MR. SLOTTEE: And somehow I ended up with only |
| 17 | evaluate executives, with statistics. | 17 | two of these. Let me go make a quick |
| 18 | Q What do you think is the best way to evaluate an | 18 | MR. PTACIN: Chris, I think I have one from |
| 19 | executive in an entity such as the Permanent Fund | 19 | yesterday, if it's the same document. |
| 20 | Corporation? | 20 | MR. SLOTTEE: It is, but I don't have one for |
| 21 | A Well, I think the survey is one data point. | 21 | the Department of Law, so let me go make a quick copy. I |
| 22 | Discussing some of the items that I shared with you | 22 | assume you want a copy of this. |
| 23 | earlier that were concerns in an executive session, you | 23 | MS. LEEAH: Yes, please. |
| 24 | know, understanding how the organization is performing, | 24 | MR. SLOTTEE: We will go off record. |
| 25 | you know. Understanding, like, the strategic plan, what | 25 | (Off the record.) |
| 1 | Page 31 kind of progress is being made there. | 1 | Page 33 BY MR. SLOTTEE: |
| 2 | I mean, there is a lot of different variables. | 2 | |
| 3 | And they they kind of just all meld together. And the | 3 | a document titled CEO Performance Evaluation, APFC, |
| 4 | board has to take a look at, is this the leader that we | 4 | |
| 5 | want based on past performance to lead us into the future. | 5 | A Yes. |
| 6 | And so it all kind of goes together. | 6 | Q Do you recall this document? |
| 7 | Q So and I use this as an example because it's | 7 | A Yes. |
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| 2 | Q | Sure. Other than the trustees. | | that you know of? |
| 3 | A | Oh. No. | 3 | A I believe well, I brought the numeric summary |
| 4 | Q | Was anybody attending by phone? | 4 | of the scores, like the summarization of them. I also |
| 5 | Α | No. | 5 | brought, but did not distribute, the strategic plan. It |
| 6 | Q | Okay. And then let's go to the second day. And | 6 | was unnecessary. I was I was trying to be prepared for |
| 7 | | before well, the second day it was who was | 7 | what was discussed. I had previously distributed her |
| 8 | preser | t in the room during executive session? | 8 | her self-evaluation via an email. And in that same email |
| 9 | Α | The same five trustees, and then Corri Feige | 9 | I had also included the survey results, this document. |
| 10 | called | l in. | 10 | Q The summary? |
| 11 | Q | Was there anybody else in the room? | 11 | A Yeah. So I had sent an email and then with the |
| 12 | Α | No. | 12 | data in advance, and then I brought the physical documents |
| 13 | Q | Was eventually Ms. Rodell invited to attend | 13 | to the meeting in addition to the strategic plan. |
| 14 | execu | tive session? | 14 | Q Any other documents that you can recall bringing |
| 15 | Α | Yes. | 15 | to the meeting? |
| 16 | Q | Was anybody else eventually invited to attend | 16 | A I brought the the detailed summary of the 360 |
| 17 | | ecutive session, besides Ms. Rodell? | 17 | |
| 18 | Α | Yes. | 18 | details associated with the summary because I summarized |
| 19 | Q | Who? | 19 | - |
| 20 | Ā | Val Mertz. | 20 | Q Is that let me give you what we will mark as |
| 21 | Q | Anybody else? | 21 | Exhibit 8. Is that the detailed summary you are referring |
| 22 | Ā | No, I don't think so. I don't recall anyone | 22 | |
| 23 | else. | No, I don't timik 30. I don't recail anyone | 23 | A This is not what I brought. This is a |
| 24 | Q | And for the record, who is Val Mertz? | 24 | - |
| 25 | A | Val Mertz was the CFO is the CFO, and she is | | the same, but what I brought was four packets of these: |
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| 3 | representative comments to include here? | 3 | (Exhibit No. 9 marked.) |
| 4 | A Yeah. | 4 | BY MR. SLOTTEE: |
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| 6 | A Chris, I should add that I selected these and | 6 | Wojtusik |
| 7 | then I sent the results of my work to Chad Brown, the HR | 7 | A Yes. |
| 8 | manager, and I asked him to go through the raw data and to | 8 | Q to the Board of Trustees with a CC to you |
| 9 | compare what I had identified to represent the overall | 9 | titled SurveyMonkey Performance Evaluation. And for some |
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| 12 | anything that was out of line, to to make edits and to | 12 | timeline for the employee survey or the employee/board |
| 13 | let me know. | 13 | survey. Is that accurate? |
| 14 | Q Okay. And did he have any comments or make any | 14 | |
| 15 | proposed changes? | 15 | Q These dates listed here that she has listed |
| 16 | A No. He actually, I think, said that he thought | 16 | |
| 17 | l did a good job. | 17 | 17 and then the subsequent dates, are those consistent |
| 18 | Q And then if we look at what's been marked as | 18 | with your understanding of what the dates were in terms of |
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| 20 | just as an example, go to the third page. And there are | 20 | answer it? |
| 21 | some categories there from exceeds expectations to does | 21 | A Yes. I developed, like, a small little project |
| 22 | not meet expectations and then total, and then there is a | 22 | plan here to ensure that we gave everyone enough time to |
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| 2 but | 2 yeah. |
| 3 Q Do you recall any other kind of messaging to the | 3 Q Other than that, I mean, did you have any |
| | 4 conversations, verbal conversations, with Ms. Rodell about |
| 4 employees of APFC about the purpose of the survey, the5 timeline, other than this email from Genevieve? | |
| | 5 5 |
| 6 A I'm not aware of anything else. | 6 session, this is I don't know, you may want to be |
| 7 Q Okay. | 7 prepared to address this or these are the issues that we |
| 8 A They are pretty responsible. They when they | 8 are going to talk about? |
| 9 see a deadline, they do it; I mean, those who choose to. | 9 A No. However, I I sent her an email when I |
| 10 It wasn't a required they weren't required to | 10 was in Juneau and she was in Juneau, and I told her that |
| 11 participate. It was optional. | 11 if if she wanted, that I would come over and meet with |
| 12 Q Okay. Did you provide Ms. Rodell with a copy of | 12 her to discuss the 360 performance review, and she didn't |
| 13 the raw survey responses prior to the executive session, | 13 respond. |
| 14 or was it just the summary that we have marked as Exhibit | 14 Q She didn't you didn't have that discussion? |
| 15 7? | 15 A Yeah. She didn't she didn't say she |
| 16 A The summary. | 16 didn't say yes, let's talk about it. I provided it as an |
| 17 Q Do you recall, was there any was there a | 17 option. She didn't say no, I don't want to talk about it, |
| 18 different process followed in 2020, or do you not know in | 18 but she didn't say come over, let's talk about it, so |
| 19 terms of what was provided to Ms. Rodell before the | 19 Q Is that the did she provide her written |
| 20 executive session? | 20 response she provide two written responses to the or |
| 21 A I don't recall. | 21 strike that. She provided a self-evaluation, right, for |
| 22 Q Did anyone bring in specific financial | 22 2021? |
| 23 information, like reports or benchmarks to be discussed by | 23 A Yes. |
| 24 the trustees during their evaluation of Ms. Rodell in | 24 Q And then did she also provide a written response |
| 25 2021? | 25 to the survey summary? |
| Page 43 | Page 45 |
| 1 A Did anyone bring in reports. No one brought in | 1 A Yes. |
| 2 reports, other than me. And for example, I didn't bring | 2 Q Okay. Do you recall receiving any other written |
| 3 in the you know, the report with numbers would have | 3 responses or communications from her regarding the survey |
| 4 been the year-end performance review, but we all knew that | 4 or the regarding the survey? |
| 5 it was 29 percent. So and we talked about that. We | 5 A No, not that I recall, no. |
| 6 talked about it, but we didn't need a report because we | 6 Q Did did the board have any discussions prior |
| 7 knew it. | 7 to the executive session about we are going to be |
| 8 Q I guess a broader question: Other than you, did | 8 evaluating Ms. Rodell. One topic for discussion is |
| 9 any other trustees kind of bring in documents that for | 9 potentially the termination of her employment? |
| 10 other trustees to either potentially look at or show other | 10 A No. |
| 11 trustees during that evaluation of Ms. Rodell's | 11 Q When did that first come up, termination of |
| 12 performance in 2021? Do you recall anybody else bringing | 12 Ms. Rodell's employment? |
| 13 in other documents? | 13 A Okay. Could you be more specific? Like we |
| 14 A I don't recall that, no. | 14 wouldn't have discussed that in a public meeting. |
| 15 Q So again, talking about the 2021 executive | 15 Q Sure. Did you have any discussions with any |
| 16 session, prior to that executive session, did you have any | 16 trustees, individual trustees, prior to the 2021 executive |
| 17 conversations with Ms. Rodell about what was going to | 17 session about the potential for voting to terminate |
| 18 happen or what was going to be discussed at that executive | 18 Ms. Rodell's performance or employment? |
| 19 session? | 19 A I received a call from a trustee. |
| 20 A I sent her an email, and I provided her with | 20 Q And who was that? |
| 21 this table, if I recall. And my my goal was to, you | 21 A It was Craig Richards. |
| 22 know, communicate to her the process and then ensure that | 22 Q And when was that? |
| 23 when the agenda was being built for the board meeting, | 23 A When was that. It would have been either |
| 24 that it would accommodate two executive sessions. You | 24 mid-October, early November. |
| 25 know, I said that we were essentially going to use the | 25 Q And what was the if you can recall, what was |
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| 1 | Page 46 the substance of that conversation? | | Page 40 communicate to the legislature and to the public. And you |
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| 2 | A He he called to tell me that he was concerned | 2 | know, I don't want to put words in his mouth, but I I'm |
| | | 3 | not he was just I don't want to put words in his |
| | about the performance, and he wanted to open a discussion about whether she should continue to lead the fund. There | | mouth because I might misquote him, but I just know that |
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| | was more, but I don't remember the details. That was the | 5 | he was he concerned that those weren't being properly |
| | gist of it. | 6 | supported. |
| 7 | Q Do you recall you don't recall the specific | 7 | Q Did you have any concerns over Ms. Rodell's |
| | date that this happened? | 8 | properly supporting or implementing the resolutions? |
| 9 | A No. | 9 | A No. |
| 10 | | 10 | Q So was this a surprise call, that you weren't |
| 11 | | 11 | expecting this call to happen? |
| 12 | 5 | 12 | A Yes. It was a surprise. |
| 13 | 5 5 9 | 13 | Q After the call, did you go back and reevaluate |
| 14 | | 14 | , , , |
| 15 | | 15 | Ms. Rodell's performance in regards to the resolutions and |
| 16 | | 16 | |
| 17 | 5 | 17 | A Yes. |
| 18 | | 18 | Q And what did you look at to reevaluate that? |
| 19 | | 19 | A I didn't look at any specific documents. I just |
| 20 | | 20 | was I thought about it. I was thinking about it. |
| 21 | | 21 | Q Did your view of Ms. Rodell's performance change |
| 22 | | 22 | based on that kind of reevaluating or thinking about it? |
| 23 | | 23 | A Did it change. Not in regard to the |
| 24 | | 24 | |
| 25 | doing what the board had directed her to do. And I think | 25 | Q So as of the executive session, you still had |
| 1 | Page 47 that was associated with maybe the resolutions. | 1 | Page 4 the view that you didn't feel like she was not properly |
| 2 | Q Anything else that you can recall? | 2 | supporting the resolutions? |
| 3 | A Huh-uh. | 3 | A I believed she was properly supporting the |
| 4 | Q No? | 4 | resolutions. |
| 5 | A No. I don't recall. | 5 | Q That's a much more accurate way to say it. |
| 6 | Q Do you recall him referencing having a similar | 6 | Appreciate it. |
| 7 | discussion with other trustees? He's calling you and | 7 | A Sometimes those double negatives trip me up, so |
| 8 | he's, like, I already talked to blank or I'm going to talk | 8 | I just like to say it twice. |
| 9 | to blank. | 9 | Q That's a much clearer way. Thank you. Did you |
| 10 | A He did not say that. | 10 | end up reevaluating performance on issues other than the |
| 11 | - | 11 | resolutions? |
| 12 | | 12 | A I I reserved my opinion in regard to Angela's |
| 13 | terminate Ms. Rodell's employment? | 13 | performance until I saw the the 360 performance review |
| 14 | A No. | 14 | and when I heard the comments from the other trustees. |
| 15 | Q Just Craig Richards? | 15 | had made no decision about terminating her until the |
| 16 | - | 16 | second executive session. I was really on the fence. |
| 17 | Q And then in terms of the so you mentioned | 17 | Q So what about the 360-degree survey review; how |
| 18 | | 18 | did that impact your evaluation? |
| 19 | | 19 | A I was really concerned about the conflict and |
| 20 | | 20 | |
| 21 | What do you recall the board having directed | 21 | investment staff. And the investment I mean, everybod |
| 22 | | 22 | at the Permanent Fund is extremely important. Everybod |
| ~~ | | 23 | contributes. But it was really important to me that the |
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| 23 24 | A The board had established resolutions which now | 24 | investment staff, you know, have a really collaborative, |

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| 1 | Because like I said earlier, they are the ones that are | 1 | that the systems are all safe and secure. It's the risk |
| 2 | making the decisions about our returns. | 2 | manager, the communications department, the HR department, |
| 3 | And based on what I read, I was concerned that | 3 | kind of the back office operations that, you know, a |
| 4 | it could possibly impact attrition, meaning they would | 4 | corporation needs. |
| 5 | leave, and that would negatively impact returns. So that | 5 | Q Okay. So you mentioned that one of the two |
| 6 | was troublesome to me. | 6 | of the things that were influenced your decision was |
| 7 | It was also concerning to me to see the | 7 | the 360 review and also the comments from the other |
| 8 | comments, you know, about the silos. You know, there were | 8 | trustees? |
| 9 | comments from both sides in regard to the tension that | 9 | A Uh-huh. |
| 10 | that was creating in the organization. | 10 | Q And you followed up and said that, well, the |
| 11 | So those those areas concerned me. And do | 11 | executive director needs to have good relations with the |
| 12 | you want me to go on? | 12 | board. From your point of view in 2021, what was the |
| 13 | Q Yeah, absolutely. | 13 | relationship between the executive director and the board? |
| 14 | A So my vision for the fund and, you know, as a | 14 | A Well, I mean, if you look at the survey results, |
| 15 | trustee, I'm looking to the future. And by 2030, you | 15 | which was the first time that I realized that there was |
| 16 | know, I want our organization to be positioned to be a | 16 | stress, if you will, or tension between the trustees and |
| 17 | 100-billion-dollar fund. When you look at the modeling, | 17 | Angela to the magnitude that it was, I mean, some of the |
| 18 | which I've looked at, it's very possible. But in order to | 18 | board members and I'm just going to share some of the |
| 19 | achieve a 100-billion-dollar fund, we need to have a very | 19 | things that were on the survey felt that she was |
| 20 | high performing team in place. And that means it has to | 20 | manipulative, that she wasn't honest. Some felt that she |
| 21 | be an executive director who can work well with everybody | 21 | had her own agenda and wasn't following the board's |
| 22 | in the organization and bring them all together, as well | 22 | agenda. |
| 23 | as have a good relationship with the board. | 23 | Q Actually, this would be why don't we do this. |
| 24 | And so you know, as I listened to the trustees | 24 | Let's pull up Exhibit 7. |
| 25 | in executive session, as I considered the 360-degree | 25 | A Because I could go here |
| | Page 51 | | Page 53 |
| 1 | review, you know, two of the three were were broken. | 1 | Q Yeah. So |
| 2 | And I just believed, to move forward to achieve that goal, | 2 | A Yeah. So like on page the very first page, I |
| 3 | we we needed an executive director that could manage | 3 | referenced item 2. Does not embrace the vision of the |
| 4 | all of that. | 4 | board, but instead tries to control the board to achieve |
| 5 | Q When you say "two of the three were broken," | 5 | her own vision and points of view. |
| 6 | what is the just for the record to be clear, what is | 6 | Q In regards to that statement, is that was |
| 7 | the three and what is the two that were broken? | 7 | that a view that you had? |
| 8 | A I just thought that the investment team and the | 8 | A No. |
| 9 | board, there were there were just there were | 9 | Q Did you see any would you point to anything |
| 10 | relationship issues with both of those very critical | 10 | like, well, I could see how someone could see that, I just |
| 11 | components of the corporation. | 11 | didn't agree that that was what Angela was doing? |
| 12 | Q Issues with the relationship with the executive | 12 | A Could you say that again. |
| 13 | director? | 13 | Q I guess I'm trying to find out, were you aware |
| 14 | | 44 | of any did anybody use any examples of Angela not |
| 15 | A Yeah. | 14 | , |
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| ' | to the Permanent Fund Corporation budget. So pretty much | 1 | Page 56 MR. SLOTTEE: It's fine. It's fine. |
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| 2 | my entire career, I have been very much a budget hawk, and | | BY MR. SLOTTEE: |
| | I really like to see budgets that have been really well | 3 | Q The sixth bullet down references or it |
| 4 | vetted, and I I believed that the budget that was | 4 | states, "Her relationship with the board is stressed and |
| 5 | initially submitted to the trustees back in September | 5 | some trustees report a lack of trust and candor." |
| 6 | wasn't really well vetted. And I was concerned about that | 6 | A Where are you? I'm sorry. Excuse me. |
| 7 | because the numbers presented were pretty high. And I | 7 | Q The sixth bullet point down on the top under |
| 8 | I was confused, truthfully. I didn't understand why she | 8 | Overall Summary. Then it goes on to say: The same could |
| | would have presented numbers that were so high. When we | - | |
| 9 | | 9 | be said for her dealings with the executive branch and the |
| 10 | challenged them, she came down pretty quickly. | 11 | legislature. |
| 11 | And so I felt like, is she using the board to | 12 | Did you have a lack of trust in Ms. Rodell? |
| 12 | make the tough decisions about the budget versus making | 13 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| 13 | them herself, or I mean, I don't know what she was | | |
| 14 | thinking. Or was she really trying to build a big | 14 | |
| 15 | bureaucracy. I don't know. But those were my thoughts. | 15 | • |
| 16 | Q And that was the budget in September 2021? | 16 | Q Why did that raise concerns regarding your trust |
| 17 | A Yeah. | 17 | |
| 18 | Q All right. Any other examples of the that | 18 | A Because the I believe the normal policy would |
| 19 | you would see of Angela potentially not embracing the | 19 | have been to start out a discussion with the board and |
| 20 | vision of the board but instead trying to control the | 20 | say, I think we need to update the strategic plan. You |
| 21 | board to achieve her own vision and points of view? | 21 | know, let's collaboratively identify do we need to do this |
| 22 | A No. I mean, not that I can think of right now. | 22 | over a two- or three-day period because it's a pretty |
| 23 | Q Okay. That same let me back up. Is this | 23 | significant process to go through. And you know, |
| 24 | kind of a cut and paste of a comment from the 360, or did | 24 | according to the governance policy, you know, it's |
| 25 | you edit it for clarity? | 25 | supposed to start in the Governance Committee. And |
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| 3 Q Did you have any discussions with her after that | 3 (A break was taken.) |
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| 5 A No. | 5 Q So Commissioner, when we broke for a brief at |
| 6 Q how disappointed you were? | 6 ease, I think you were just just testified that you had |
| 7 A No. I was I was pretty upset about it. I | 7 received a call from Brandon Brefczynski |
| 8 was confused. I couldn't understand why she got so | 8 A Yes. |
| 9 emotional. You know, we were having a professional | 9 Q who had expressed a concern about a tweet |
| 10 discussion. | 10 from Ms. Rodell? |
| 11 Q Okay. Any other instances? | 11 A Yes. |
| 12 A No, not that I can think of right now. | 12 Q Who is Brandon Brefczynski? |
| 13 Q Okay. That comment says, regarding the lack of | 13 A I'm not sure of his exact title, but he worked |
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| 15 dealings" Ms. Rodell's dealings "with the executive | 15 to the governor. I don't know. But he worked for the |
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| 17 Are you aware did you have any conversations | 17 Q Do you remember and what we marked before we |
| 18 with any members of the legislature or their staff where | 18 left was Exhibit 11, which was a printout of a tweet from |
| 19 they expressed concern over that they had a lack of | 19 Ms. Rodell on August 20, '21 where she states, quote or |
| 20 they had concern over Ms. Rodell's candor or trust? | 20 tweeted, "As of June 30th, the ERA has an uncommitted |
| 21 A Did I have who? Say that again. | 21 balance of 9.3 billion, of which the governor's |
| 22 Q Sorry. Any members of the legislature or their | 22 appropriation bill would use three billion, leaving the |
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| 1 | expressed concern that Ms. Rodell's tweet was factually | 1 | before you post and think about the timing. If you are |
| 2 | inaccurate. Any other concerns about Ms. Rodell's tweet? | 2 | going to post, think about the timing of it because |
| 3 | A Just the fact that she was tweeting and he | 3 | sometimes perceptions become reality. That's what I said. |
| 4 | thought it was an inaccurate number. That's it. | 4 | It was a long conversation. You know, we talked |
| 5 | Q So something beyond not even necessarily that | 5 | a lot we talked a lot about golfing together. We both |
| 6 | it was inaccurate, but that she was tweeting at all in | 6 | have houses down in Palm Springs. We go out. And so I |
| 7 | response to this apparent response to this testimony | 7 | was trying to to get I was trying to calm her down |
| 8 | from the legislature? | 8 | because I felt like she was really overreacting. |
| 9 | A Yeah, yes. | 9 | Q Did this tweeting incident, this tweet, did that |
| 10 | | 10 | - |
| | | | play any role in your ultimate kind of consideration |
| 11 | | 11 | during executive session over whether or not to |
| 12 | | 12 | 5 1 5 |
| 13 | | 13 | A Absolutely not, because, like I said, most |
| 14 | | 14 | |
| 15 | of me because I don't tweet. Okay. I don't know that I | 15 | Q What about the fact of her tweeting and then |
| 16 | even know how to get on and look at something like this. | 16 | Mr. Brefczynski's call; did that influence you at all, |
| 17 | So I didn't I didn't know what the numbers were. But | 17 | have any influence on you? |
| 18 | what I said to him was that her numbers aren't wrong | 18 | A No. |
| 19 | usually and we need to think about I go, what was the | 19 | Q All right. Any other conversations with any |
| 20 | question? Was it committed balance? Was it uncommitted | 20 | members of the executive branch about Ms. Rodell or her |
| 21 | balance? What date? You know, was it the end of the | 21 | performance? |
| 22 | year? Was it because June 30 is the end of the year. | 22 | A Not her performance. |
| 23 | | 23 | Q What about Ms. Rodell? |
| 24 | legislative sessions. | 24 | A Yes. |
| 25 | • | 25 | Q What other conversations can you recall? |
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| | you need before you are certain that the number is | 1 | A Okay. So there was okay. What do you mean |
| | wrong, you need to make sure it's apples to apples kind of | 2 | by the executive branch? |
| | number. But he was very concerned. And I told him that I | 3 | Q Well, let's start with anybody working in the |
| 4 | would call Angela and talk to her about it. | 4 | governor's office. |
| 5 | Q And did you? | 5 | A Okay. So yes. Randy Ruaro, the chief of staff, |
| 6 | A I did. | 6 | called me to share concern about how a transaction was |
| 7 | Q What did you talk to her about? | 7 | booked at the Permanent Fund Corporation. And this |
| 8 | A I called her and I said to her, Angela, I am | 8 | transaction was the four-billion-dollar inflation-proofing |
| 9 | calling you as your friend. And she and I were very close | 9 | transaction. So what was ultimately transferred from the |
| 10 | friends prior to this. And I said, I'm asking you to be | 10 | ERA to the principal was something close to 5.8 billion. |
| 11 | mindful of what you tweet. And it's just it has a lot | 11 | So he was concerned about was that the right |
| 12 | of viewership, and I just want you be to be careful. | 12 | process, you know, what was the basis for moving 5.8 |
| 13 | That's all I said. | 13 | instead of the four. And you know, he he just wanted |
| 14 | Q What was Ms. Rodell's response? | 14 | |
| 15 | A She got very upset. She she I think that | 15 | because he didn't understand it. It wasn't really a |
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| 17 | | 17 | |
| 18 | | 18 | |
| 19 | | 19 | request to get the support and the reason why 5.5 was |
| 20 | | 20 | ultimately transferred, and then all the details of it, as |
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| | | 21 | well as the supporting law around why it happened that |
| 22 | | 22 | |
| 1 00 | And I said, no, absolutely not. That is not what this | 23 | Q When did this happen? |
| 23 | a success of the stand of all the state of the second state of the | | |
| 24 | | 24 | 5 |
| 24 | conversation is about at all. And I said, I'm calling you as your as your friend and just saying think twice | 24 25 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |

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| | early December. | 1 | THE WITNESS: October it is. |
| 2 | Q Am I characterizing right that his questions | 2 | BY MR. SLOTTEE: |
| 3 | were more process-based versus substance? | 3 | Q So these are two calendar kind of entries that |
| 4 | A That's the way I interpreted it, yeah, because | 4 | were provided by APFC labeled APFC-SWEF 124 and 125. And |
| | what we ended up doing was we provided all of the details | 5 | we see on October 6 Tuesday, October 6, 1:45 p.m. to |
| | that Angela had Angela and her team had provided to the | 6 | |
| 7 | board. And I don't remember the exact dates. I'm sorry. | 7 | meeting, Dunleavy governor. Do you see that? |
| 8 | But it's in that time frame. | 8 | A Yes, I do. |
| 9 | Q Okay. Was it ultimately determined that was the | 9 | Q And there is also a meeting indicated on |
| 10 | appropriate way to handle that? | 10 | |
| 11 | A I'm not sure. I have discontinued my review of | 11 | MS. LEEAH: Can I just voice an objection for |
| 12 | C C | 12 | the record on discussions about the budget. I mean, that |
| 13 | if we are continuing to review that process. I don't | 13 | would be executive privilege. |
| 14 | know. | 14 | MR. SLOTTEE: Okay. I'm just going to be asking |
| 15 | Q Okay. Did you have any concerns over it? | 15 | about her discussions regarding |
| 16 | A A little, yeah. | 16 | MS. LEEAH: I understand. You mentioned |
| 17 | Q And I guess to be specific, we are just talking | 17 | discussion, but I wanted to before you went there. |
| 18 | about the period before the decision was made to terminate | 18 | BY MR. SLOTTEE: |
| 19 | Ms. Rodell. | 19 | Q And then we see another meeting on October 19, |
| 20 | A Okay. Could you say that again. | 20 | 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 with Governor Dunleavy. Do you see |
| 21 | Q Sure. Did you have concerns over the process | 21 | that, as well? It's on the second page. |
| 22 | that you were kind of working through before Ms. Rodell's | 22 | A Okay. What date? |
| 23 | employment was terminated? | 23 | Q The first one is October 6th. |
| 24 | A Oh, yeah. This was before. Before that, yeah. | 24 | A Right. |
| 25 | Q And did this play any was this factor in your | 25 | MR. PTACIN: The 6th and the 19th. |
| 1 | Page 67 kind of was this issue raised during the trustee | 1 | Page 69 THE WITNESS: Okay. The budget development |
| 2 | executive session? | 2 | meeting, is that what we are looking at? Oh, no. The |
| 3 | A No, no. | 3 | 2:00 meeting. No. Which one? |
| 4 | Q Did it play any role in your consideration of | 4 | BY MR. SLOTTEE: |
| 5 | the question? | 5 | Q Let's start with the budget development meeting. |
| 6 | A No, not at all. It's process to me. | 6 | A The one in '20. |
| 7 | Q Any other conversations with members of the | 7 | Q On October 6. |
| 8 | governor's of the governor's office regarding | 8 | A Yes. Okay. |
| 9 | Ms. Rodell? | 9 | MR. PTACIN: So the year is 2020. |
| 10 | A I had a conversation with the governor. | 10 | - |
| 11 | Q Okay. When did that happen? | 11 | BY MR. SLOTTEE: |
| 12 | A is that what you are | 12 | |
| 13 | Q Sure. When did that happen? | 12 | |
| 14 | A It would have been Octoberish, I think. | 14 | • |
| 15 | MR. PTACIN: Of what year? | 14 | |
| 16 | THE WITNESS: Of '21. I'm trying to remember | 10 | |
| | the date. Okay. Please give me a moment, but it had | 10 | |
| 18 | let me let me tell you what it was. | 18 | |
| | - | 10 | |
| 19 | MR. PTACIN: He may have a calendar, and that's | | · · · |
| 20 | • | 20 | 1 57 6 |
| 21 | THE WITNESS: Okay. Yeah. If I had a calendar, | 21 | refresh your recollection about having a meeting with the |
| 22 | I could see what date it was. | 22 | • |
| 23 | MR. SLOTTEE: Okay. We will mark it as Exhibit | 23 | |
| | 12. (Exhibit No. 12 marked) | 24 | |
| 25 | (Exhibit No. 12 marked.) | 25 | Q Let me ask a general question, then. |
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| A I'm trying to think about what this particular | 1 employment? | |
| meeting was. | 2 A No. I'm sorry. I don't remember the dates | on |
| Q I guess my general question is: What do you | 3 this. | |
| recall about your you testified that you had a | 4 Q Do you recall any other conversations with ar | - |
| meeting a discussion with Governor Dunleavy about | 5 member with the governor or any member of his st | taff |
| Ms. Rodell. | 6 regarding Ms. Rodell's employment? | |
| A Yes. | 7 A Employment? | |
| Q What do you recall it was in the October time | 8 Q Yes. | |
| frame is my understanding. | 9 A No. | |
| D A Yes. | 10 Q Do you recall any did you have any | |
| 1 Q What do you generally recall about that meeting? | 11 discussions with the governor or any member of his | |
| A Okay. Thank you. I can't remember the date. | 12 or any representative of the governor about whether | r or not |
| 3 MR. PTACIN: And just to clarify, what year? | 13 Ms. Rodell's employment should be terminated? | |
| Because you are being shown October 2020 and October 2021. | 14 A No. | |
| 5 THE WITNESS: The '21 is what I'd like to | 15 Q Did you have a discussion with anybody price | or to |
| 6 respond to now. | 16 the executive session in which the potential of | |
| 7 BY MR. SLOTTEE: | 17 terminating Ms. Rodell's employment was brought u | - |
| B Q Yes. | 18 besides, I think, the conversation you had with Mr | - |
| A Sometime in, I believe it was, October, | 19 with Craig Richards that you previously testified to? | |
| O Commissioner Feige and I were meeting with the governor to | 20 A No. But full disclosure here, okay. I did h | nave |
| 1 establish our plans associated with ESG. You know what | 21 a conversation with the governor in 2020. Okay. | . And it |
| 2 that is. Environmental, social and governance. We were | 22 was a phone call about the Permanent Fund Cor | poration. |
| 3 talking about ESG. I think Corri was in the room. | 23 And the purpose of the call was to ask the gover | rnor |
| 4 Anyways, the governor just brought up the the fact, I | 24 actually, I think it would have been in September | r 2020. |
| 5 guess, that he you know what? Now that I think about | 25 The purpose of the call would have been to ask | the |
| Page 71 this, was that '20? Or '21? Anyways, I don't remember | 1 governor and try to get him to support incentive of | Page 73 comp for |
| the date. | 2 the Permanent Fund organization. | - |
| Q Okay. | 3 And so, you know, we were asked by I think | c |
| A They were they were the governor brought | 4 either Angela or Craig and this is Corri and I. w | /e |
| up a conversation that he had had with Angela in regard to | 5 were asked by either Angela or Craig to talk to the | e |
| Angela's discussion about converting the Permanent Fund | 6 governor to see if we could get him to support the | e |
| Corporation to an ESG fund. And the governor asked me if | 7 incentive comp because it would it would deter | |
| I knew about that and what were my thoughts. I | 8 whether or not we were going to put it in the budg | get |
| anyways, I didn't know about her comment, and he just told | 9 and because he has the veto power. And we di | dn't want |
| 0 me that he didn't support converting the Permanent Fund to | 10 Angela to have to go around and lobby all the leg | gislature, |
| 1 an ESG fund. And that was it. | 11 get support for it to then just be vetoed. Right? | |
| 2 I did end up sending a follow-up email to Craig | 12 So toward the end of that conversation, the | 9 |
| 3 Richards about this and asked him if he thought that it | 13 governor said, how is Angela doing? And I said, | she's |
| 4 was something that the trustees should talk about, | 14 doing great. And Corri then said, yes, she's impl | roving. |
| 5 considering that Angela had talked with the governor about | 15 And I was surprised at that because I didn't I w | - |
| 6 it. I thought, geez, should we talk about it. And he had | 16 unaware that there were prior performance issue | es. |
| 7 said it had been discussed before and there was no need. | 17 Q Because you had just started? | |
| Q Had been discussed before by the trustees? | A I had started in February, but this was my | first |
| A I think so, yeah. | 19 time going through I mean, I had only done two | |
| Q Okay. Did you have any conversation with | 20 meetings, I think, by that point. So Corri said that | |
| 1 Ms. Rodell about her going to the governor with that idea? | 21 performance has improved, and he said, great. C | |
| | | |
| 2 A No. | 22 hear. And that was that. | |
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| 3 Q Did you have any concerns about her going to the | 23 Q Okay. All right. Did you have any | |
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| 1 | discussions with any members of the legislature or their | 1 | rather than taking this task in hand was demonstrative of |
| 2 | staff regarding termination of Ms. Rodell's employment | 2 | the CEO's discomfort with engaging her board openly and |
| 3 | prior to it actually happening? | 3 | honestly. |
| 4 | A No. | 4 | Was this your comment or was this to your |
| 5 | Q Okay. Go back to Exhibit 7, which is the CEO | 5 | recollection? |
| 6 | performance evaluation, the summary. | 6 | A This was not my comment. |
| 7 | A Okay. | 7 | Q Okay. So do you recall other trustees having |
| 8 | Q Okay. So I'm going to turn to the second page, | 8 | issues with the manner in which Ms. Rodell brought on that |
| 9 | it's page 166. The second line, the second comment under | 9 | mediator? |
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| 11 | been managed better. Initial budget requests were not | 11 | |
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| 15 | | 15 | A which is that there was concern about |
| 16 | A This would have been for the 2023 buget. | 16 | bringing the mediator on and the and Bill Moran was the |
| 17 | Q Sorry. 2023 budget? | 17 | chair, and so he asked people what they thought in regard |
| 18 | A Yes. | 18 | to should they proceed. And at the time, I was kind of |
| 19 | Q That's what you were you understand that's | 19 | ambivalent about it, but concerned because I just had |
| 20 | • | 20 | learned that Al Bolea was a mediator, so I felt like that, |
| 21 | A Yeah. That was my comment. | 21 | as I mentioned earlier, was inappropriate. The end result |
| 22 | | 22 | was that the chair, Bill Moran, told the mediator that we |
| 23 | 5 | 23 | would not be having this discussion today. So what |
| 24 | , | 24 | |
| 25 | own agenda." | 25 | trustees did not appreciate that. |
| 1 | Page 75 In your point of view, did you view Ms. Rodell | 1 | Page 77 Q Did that mediator issue, did that come up again |
| | | | during that 2021 executive session when discussing |
| 2 | as having an agenda that was different than the Board of | 2 | |
| 3 | Trustees? | 3 | Ms. Rodell's performance? A Yeah, I think it did. I think it did. And I |
| 4 | A No. | 4 | think that it kind of related to trust. |
| 5 | Q Did you feel that she was controlling the | 5 | |
| 6 | financial and other information that was going to the | 6 | Q Kind of to that issue, there is a couple the |
| 7 | board? | | next the next comment, it says, "The director's |
| 8 | A You know, I don't really have enough information | 8 | relationship with the board has soured." There is also a |
| | to know whether she would have been controlling it or not. | 9 | reference to "a number of trustees in recent years have |
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| 11 | • | 11 | Did you review Ms. Rodell's relationship with |
| 12 | Q And then did you hear from anybody from the | 12 | |
| 13 | 1 0 | 13 | A I don't know if I would use the word "soured." |
| 14 | Ms. Rodell transmitted information either in terms of | 14 | • |
| 15 | controlling it or limiting the information that she | 15 | of '21, it felt like the meetings were just really |
| 16 | A No. | 16 | stressful. And it's hard to put a put my finger on why |
| 17 | Q What about from the same question, but for | 17 | that was happening. But it seemed like maybe Angela was a |
| 18 | members of the legislature or their staff? | 18 | little on edge, and I don't know why, though. I can't |
| 19 | A No. | 19 | give you an example. It just felt that way. |
| 20 | Q If we turn to the next page, the top is Q6, | 20 | Q Did other trustees express to you that they had |
| 21 | board relations. And the first comment references kind | 21 | lost trust in Ms. Rodell's veracity and leadership? |
| 22 | of the third sentence there says: CEO tends to rely upon | 22 | A In the executive session, yes. |
| 23 | the resolutions and strategic plan as a shield when she | 23 | - |
| 24 | doesn't want board input. Hiring a mediator to manage the | 24 | A I know two for sure. I'm trying to think about |
| 25 | discussion of strategic plan without telling the trustees | 25 | the third one, if he actually said it. Yeah. I would say |
| 25 | aiscussion of strategic plan without telling the trustees | 25 | the third one, if he actually said it. Yeah. I would say |

| 1 | Page 78 three. | 1 | Page 80 Q Do you recall who first brought up the issue or |
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| 2 | Q Who would have been the three? | 2 | the potential for termination during that first day? |
| 3 | A Commissioner Feige, Commissioner Rieger not | 3 | A I don't remember. There was a lot of back and |
| 4 | Rieger. I'm sorry. Commissioner Feige. Feige, Craig and | 4 | forth, so |
| 5 | Ethan. | 5 | Q So was it was kind of a conversational |
| 6 | Q What about you? Maybe we will break that in | 6 | approach versus you get to speak, you get to speak, you |
| | two. Had you lost trust in her veracity, Ms. Rodell's | 7 | get to speak, or |
| 8 | veracity? | 8 | A It was conversation, definitely. |
| 9 | A I don't know what was meant by the word | 9 | Q Did you have any phone calls with any other |
| 10 | "veracity" in this. That's really hard for me to say. | 10 | |
| 11 | That's what somebody else wrote. | 11 | |
| 12 | Q In your understanding of how you would | | day |
| 13 | understand the word "veracity." | 13 | - |
| 14 | A Towards the end, I had I was well, | 14 | |
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| 15 | obviously I questioned her leadership at the end. Okay. And I told you why. And I started to see that in | 15 | _ |
| 17 | | 10 | |
| 18 | September in the Kodiak board meeting, but I wasn't thinking about a termination. You know, I was just | 18 | 5 |
| 19 | starting to observe. | 19 | |
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| 20 | Q Well, during the during the executive | | |
| 21 | session, so the 2021 executive session, I know you testified earlier that there had been a call from Chairman | 21 | |
| 22 | | 22 23 | |
| 23 | Richards sometime in, like, October, I think, or sometime | | - |
| 24 | before the executive session. | 24 | |
| 25 | A October or November. I don't remember. Yeah. | 25 | for the first day. It was just the five of us. And so |
| 1 | Page 79 Q So let's say during the actual executive | 1 | Page 81 for the the way it started out the second day was for |
| | session, do you recall when was the first time that, okay, | 2 | us to listen to her opinion. And so we heard her opinion. |
| | we need to think about potentially terminating | 3 | Q Okay. And then at one point during the second |
| 4 | Ms. Rodell's employment? Was that right at the beginning | 4 | day, was there any discussion during the second day about |
| | of the meeting? Start of day two? Do you recall kind of | 5 | alternatives to termination? |
| 6 | where in the timeline it was? | 6 | A Trying to recall. Yeah. We had as I said |
| 7 | A Okay. Yeah. So the way the executive session | | earlier, we had talked about whether or not additional |
| | worked was I started the session by describing the survey, | 7 8 | training would help. And you know, then folks said no, |
| | you know, the percent response, you know, how it was | 9 | you know. This has been going on for many years. I think |
| | conducted. I went through process. And then I went I | 10 | |
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| 12 | and participated. And there was no discussion of a termination | 12 | |
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| 14 | until maybe three-quarters of the way through. It began | 14 | |
| 15 | as a discussion. But there were no decisions that were | 15 | |
| 16 | made that first day. Everybody was still really | 16 | |
| 17 | contemplating it because, you know, it's a it's a | 17 | |
| 18 | significant a significant decision. | 18 | |
| 19 | Q Uh-huh. | 19 | |
| 20 | A And so there was a recognition that it was | 20 | |
| 21 | something that the trustees all needed to think about | 21 | |
| 22 | individually. And we agreed that that night we would | 22 | • |
| 23 | we would think about it. We would think about what each | 23 | |
| 24 | other had said, and we would come back together the next | 24 | |
| 25 | day and we would talk about it again. | 25 | Q And is that what the ultimate vote was? |
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| 1 | A Yes. | 1 | big mistake because no one would ever be able to do the |
| | Q So where in this process was Ms. Rodell kind of was Ms. Rodell ever invited into the executive | 2 | job that she did and manage the fund as she did. She told |
| 3 | session? | 3 | us that there would be political ramifications for our |
| 4 | A Yes. | 4 | decision. She told us that she was going to hold each one |
| 5 | | 5 | of us individually accountable. It was very |
| 6 | Q Where in the process did that happen?A At the end. | 6 7 | unprofessional. |
| 7 | | | Q Did she provide any detail about what she |
| 8 | | 8 | thought these political ramifications would be or why she |
| 9 10 | likely to vote? | 9 10 | would hold you individually accountable? |
| 11 | Q So at that point, the Permanent Fund | 11 | |
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| 20 | Q So you bring Ms. Rodell in. You invite her in. | 20 | |
| 21 | And so what happens after she comes in the room? | 21 | replacing her? |
| 22 | A Craig led the discussion with her. He he | 22 | |
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| 1 | Page 83 | 1 | Page 85 what what we are going to do in this transition period |
| 2 | Q Was she given an opportunity to kind of advocate | 2 | |
| 3 | for herself or make any comments in response? | 3 | even thought about any of that because I didn't know that |
| 4 | A No. | 4 | this was even going to happen. But he had suggested that |
| 5 | Q Was there a discussion between the trustees | 5 | Val Mertz be appointed acting director. And he talked |
| 6 | whether or not to give her that opportunity before you | 6 | about how he had a lot of confidence in her and how she |
| 7 | made the final decision? | 7 | had actually she had actually done that role before. |
| 8 | A Yes. And it was decided that she would unlikely | 8 | And everybody agreed. And we all have a lot of confidence |
| 9 | be able to change the decisions because the problems had | 1 | in Val. And she is doing a really good job, so |
| 10 | been going on for many years. | 10 | Q Was there any discussion about whether or not |
| 11 | Q Okay. Was she given the opportunity how | 11 | you were terminating Ms. Rodell kind of immediately |
| 12 | so she was coming in. How long did Craig Richards kind of | 12 | versus, you know, having, you know, a target, quote, |
| 13 | talk to her about, hey, we are going to go in a different | 13 | unquote, retirement date or target separation date |
| 14 | direction? Was it just a couple sentences or was it this | 14 | somewhere in the future? |
| 15 | is why and kind of go into detail? | 15 | A I think that there was a very, very short |
| 16 | A No whys. It was short. Maybe five minutes, ten | 16 | discussion of that, but the conclusion was that it |
| 17 | minutes, if that. | 17 | wouldn't be good for the organization for her to be there |
| 18 | Q Uh-huh. Was she given the option to resign or | 18 | in a manner where she knew that she was being terminated. |
| 19 | be terminated? | 19 | That wouldn't that wasn't going to work. |
| 20 | A Yes. | 20 | Q Was that a consideration that was kind of |
| 21 | Q Did she have anything to say during the | 21 | specific to Angela's either kind of blanking on the |
| 22 | executive session? | 22 | word Angela's attitude or approach or just in general, |
| 23 | A Yes. | 23 | like just kind of abstractly? |
| 24 | Q What did she say? | 24 | A I think it's a combination of both is what you |
| 25 | A This is awful. She said that we were making a | 25 | said in general. Typically when you let executives go, |
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| 1 | you don't keep them hanging around. You just don't. So | 1 | who do the buys and the sells have a very good |
| 2 | it was that, plus the potential for her to be angry, and | 2 | relationship, cohesive, work in harmony, collaborative |
| 3 | we didn't want that in the organization. | 3 | with the executive director so that we don't have |
| 4 | Q Did you feel that there was kind of a financial | 4 | attrition issues that could potentially impact returns. |
| 5 | risk that she would make a bad choice and do something | 5 | I have a vision that the organizations, both the |
| 6 | inappropriate after being told she was terminated or she | 6 | operations organizations and the investment organizations, |
| 7 | was going to be terminated? | 7 | work really well together as a team. There is all this |
| 8 | A I didn't even think about that. | 8 | conflict that is going on there that she hadn't been able |
| 9 | Q Was there a discussion about the potential | 9 | to resolve. |
| 10 | impact on the Permanent Fund Corporation from kind of the | 10 | And then additionally, the relationship with |
| 11 | view of third parties, like investment partners, the | 11 | some of the members of the board was in jeopardy. They |
| 12 | market in terms of making such a sudden change? | 12 | had lost confidence in her. So I considered all of that |
| 13 | A We didn't discuss that that I recall. | 13 | in terms of as we move forward and we really continue to |
| 14 | Q These were the two executive sessions that | 14 | grow, is this the right leader to lead us into the future. |
| 15 | were held in that December 2021 were the only executive | 15 | Then I also considered the history, you know, |
| 16 | sessions in 2021 in which Ms. Rodell's employment or | 16 | the historical performance reviews. And that that |
| 17 | performance was discussed? | 17 | was that was the foundation of my vote. |
| 18 | A I I think you are asking me was her | 18 | Q Was your view of Ms well, let me strike |
| 19 | performance discussed only in those two executive | 19 | that. Did the did the extent to which Ms. Rodell's, as |
| 20 | sessions. | 20 | you understood them, views towards the future of the |
| 21 | Q Correct. | 21 | Permanent Fund Corporation and how to fund Permanent Fund, |
| 22 | A The answer is yes. | 22 | the Permanent Found Dividend, did that play any role in |
| 23 | Q Did the trustees go through the written response | 23 | your decision to vote in favor of the termination of her |
| 24 | that Ms. Rodell provided both in her self-evaluation and | 24 | employment? |
| 25 | her response to the survey comments? | 25 | A No. |
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| 1 | A Not in that meeting, no. I think it was | 1 | Q Did anyone from the governor's office or the executive branch ask you to seek the termination of |
| 2 3 | provided, but no no one talked about those. Q Did you consider her response in making your | 2 | Ms. Rodell's employment? |
| 4 | evaluation or decision? | 4 | A No. |
| 5 | A No. | 5 | Q Did anyone from the legislature or their staff |
| 6 | Q What's that? | 6 | members ask you to seek the termination of Ms. Rodell's |
| 7 | A No. | 7 | employment? |
| 8 | Q Why not? | 8 | A No. |
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| | A I mean, I read it I read the response, and this what I learned here and what I heard from others | | Q What role, if any, did the governor's overall agenda in regards to the Permanent Fund Corporation and |
| 10 | | 10 | the Permanent Fund Dividend play in connection with your |
| 11 12 | was more compelling to me than her response. Q I guess let me ask this. I don't know if I | 11 12 | decision to vote in favor of Ms. Rodell's termination? |
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| 13 | necessarily asked it specifically. From your point of | 13 | MR. BIRNBAUM: I'm sorry. I can we have a |
| 14 | view because you voted in favor of terminating | 14 | |
| 15 | Ms. Rodell's employment, right? | 15 | MR. SLOTTEE: Sure. |
| 16 | A Yes. | 16 | MS. LEEAH: Can we talk to Commissioner Mahoney |
| 17 | Q Why was Ms. Rodell terminated why was her | 17 | for a second? |
| 18 | employment terminated? | 18 | MR. SLOTTEE: Sure. |
| 19 | A What was my reason? | 19 | (Off the record.) |
| 20 | Q Yes. | 20 | BY MR. SLOTTEE: |
| 21 | A Okay. So I kind of already said it, but I'll | 21 | Q Do you want me to restate it again? |
| 22 | | 22 | A The answer is no. |
| 23 | that the fund is a 100-billion-dollar fund by the year | 23 | Q No? Okay. |
| 24 | 2030. And in order for that to happen, we need to have a | 24 | Did you have any discussion about during that |
| 25 | very high performing team where the investment officers | 25 | executive session about the manner in which you would |
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| 18 tr | ustees communicating with the governor's office or | 18 A No. |
| 17 | Q Okay. Are you aware of anybody else in the | 17 the executive branch about Ms. Rodell's performance? |
| 16 | A No. | 16 parties about other than members of the legislature or |
| 15 | Q Right. | 15 Q Did you ever hear any concerns from any third |
| 14 | A Before the vote was taken? | 14 A No. |
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| | hybody in the governor's office about the decision to | 10 Permanent Fund Corporation's, kind of third party, like, |
| o 9 | Q Did you or did you inform the governor or | 9 Q Did you solicit any input from any of the APFC, |
| 7 ab 8 | A Yes. | 8 on in the organization. |
| | bsequent to that did you eventually have discussions out that? | 6 purpose of winning an award. A performance survey is more7 associated with the nuts and bolts of what's really going |
| 5 | Q When did that did that happen obviously | 5 A Well, those type of surveys are populated at the 6 purpose of winning an award. A performance survey is more |
| 4 5 | A No, not in that meeting. | 4 as opposed to the 360-degree review? 5 A Well those type of surveys are populated at the |
| 3 | Q Or about the reason for the termination? | 3 Q What do you think the purpose of it is versus |
| 2 | A No. | 2 different purpose. |
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| 2 | comments because these are just numbers. They they | 2 | change in regard to her management style. But his |
| 3 | tell a part of the story, but they don't tell the whole | 3 | comments overall about Angela I mean, he listened. He |
| 4 | story. | 4 | was quiet most of the time, but, yeah, I mean, he was |
| 5 | Q Was there discussion in the executive session | 5 | he was positive. |
| 6 | about these numbers? Like for example, that the average | 6 | Q Why did his comments that she was never going to |
| 7 | overall was, what, 3.6 overall average, which is between, | 7 | change have an influence on you? |
| 8 | at least according to the scoring rubric at the bottom, | 8 | A Because I was focused on the future, like the |
| 9 | between meets most expectations and meets all | 9 | next year. And as I had said before, I really I really |
| 10 | expectations? | 10 | |
| 11 | A I think that the 3.6 was mentioned, but it was | 11 | conflict with the investments group, investments and |
| 12 | not the numbers were not a big part of the conversation | 12 | |
| 13 | at all, at least not that I recall. The conversation was | 13 | |
| 14 | more about what I said earlier, the experiences, the | 13 | |
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| 15 16 | historical performance, et cetera. | 15 | |
| | Q Okay. Did Ms did Mr. Richards ever either | - | |
| 17 | ask you either by voice, text or email to take any | 17 | |
| 18 | particular approach in terms of filling out the survey or | 18 | |
| 19 | adding any comments to the survey? | 19 | other boards that were investment boards, and I didn't see |
| 20 | A No. | 20 | • |
| 21 | Q Have you heard of anybody from any other | 21 | was an anomaly. |
| 22 | trustees that Mr. Richards asked them to do that, as well? | 22 | |
| 23 | A No. | 23 | |
| 24 | Q Not as well, but asked them to do that? | 24 | |
| 25 | A No. | 25 | regard to her role as the ED. |
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| 2 agenda was? | 2 | you recall any specific comments from him? |
| 3 A No, not that I recall. | 3 | A Yeah. Trustee Rieger Trustee Rieger made a |
| 4 Q Okay. Did he express kind of ide | entify 4 | comment that based on the discussions that we were having |
| 5 specific board directives that he felt like sh | ne was not 5 | in executive session that he could see that there was a |
| 6 advancing? | 6 | lack of confidence in Angela and from you know, several |
| 7 A He may have. I don't remember | them. 7 | of the trustees, and because and he just believed that |
| 8 Q Anything else from Trustee Richard | ds that you can 8 | a board really couldn't continue with that executive |
| 9 recall? | 9 | director with that lack of confidence. Again, I'm |
| 10 A No. | 10 |) paraphrasing, you know. I'm trying to remember the high |
| 11 Q Did you see any evidence of, like, | personal 11 | level points. |
| 12 animus between Trustee Richards and Ar | ngela, going either 12 | 2 Q So there are two commissioners serving on the |
| 13 way? | 13 | Board of Trustees, right? |
| 14 A Yes. | 14 | l A Uh-huh. |
| 15 Q What type of personal animus did | you see? 15 | Q Did the fact that there is two commissioners |
| 16 A I think they just had a personali | ty conflict. I 16 | the fact that you don't want to be foreseen as diverging |
| 17 don't know. You know, as Angela's frie | end, she shared with 17 | in your votes, that you want to try to vote as a block; |
| 18 me some of the concerns she had, I gu | | 3 did that factor in at all? |
| 19 and the way he treated her. | 19 | A No. Corri and I have voted different ways. Not |
| 20 Q What would those be? | 20 |) on that issue, but on other issues, so. Yeah, no. We are |
| 21 A I didn't see them, so it's hard for | r me to say. 21 | both very independent in our thinking. |
| 22 Q What did Ms. Rodell say they were | e? 22 | 2 Q What is your general view of the effectiveness |
| 23 A I'm thinking. Okay. I'm trying to | p remember. I 23 | 3 of at least the stated policy in the APFC's governance |
| 24 think I remember Angela saying that he | e just he just 24 | annual about evaluating the executive director? You see |
| 25 wasn't very nice. He just wasn't very n | nice to her. 25 | 5 ways to improve it, to make it better? Do you think it is |
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| 1 Q Did you see any instances of unpro | | an effective method of evaluation or is there a different |
| 2 conduct either from Mr. Richards to Ms. Ro | odell or vice 2 | approach that you think would be better? |
| 3 versa, Ms. Rodell to Mr. Richards? | 3 | A I think it's a guideline, and I think the |
| 4 A You know, it was just it's really | hard to 4 | guideline is very typical and standard based on other |
| 5 pinpoint. It was just stressful. There wa | as tension. And 5 | policies I've seen. And it's pretty basic, you know. |
| 6 you could feel it in the room. You know | , he he was 6 | MR. SLOTTEE: Can we take just a quick break. I |
| 7 motivated initially to, when I first kind of | came on the 7 | want to give Mr. Trickey a call. |
| 8 board, to open up an office in Anchorag | e. And she she 8 | (A break was taken.) |
| 9 didn't really support that. And I think Cr | raig felt like 9 | BY MR. SLOTTEE: |
| 10 when she put together the numbers to - | to quantify how 10 | Q Commissioner Mahoney, would it be fair to say |
| 11 much it would cost, I I think he didn't | feel like they 11 | that the trustees did not give any consideration to what |
| 12 were realistic numbers. And that may h | nave been an example 12 | 2 the public would think about an immediate termination of |
| 13 of her own agenda. | 13 | B Ms. Rodell without a public explanation of the reasons at |
| 14 Q Did you ever see an instance in wh | ich 14 | the time the termination decision was being made? |
| 15 Mr. Richards told her to "shut up"? | 15 | A You know, it wasn't discussed in the executive |
| 16 A Shut up? | 16 | session, and we we do employ a communications director, |
| 17 Q (Nods head.) | 17 | Paulynn. And so after the fact, Paulynn developed a |
| 18 A No. Would that have been in a b | oard meeting? I 18 | statement, and it was released to the public. I don't |
| 19 mean, I don't remember that. | 19 | recall I think it just said I don't recall the |
| 20 MR. PTACIN: You don't ask question | ons. 20 |) details of it, but that's what was released. |
| 21 THE WITNESS: Sorry. Sorry. | 21 | Q Was that statement kind of run through the board |
| 22 MR. PTACIN: It's okay. | 22 | 2 for approval or was that |
| 23 MS. LEEAH: Inquiring minds. | 23 | A Yes, after the fact, yeah. |
| 24 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. | 24 | Q All right. I mean, were you surprised at the |
| 25 BY MR. SLOTTEE: | 25 | Freaction to the termination? |
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| 1 | A The reaction of who? | 1 | REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE |
| 2 | Q Public reaction or, I guess, maybe the | 2 | I, MARY A. VAVRIK, RMR, Notary Public in and for |
| 3 | legislative reaction to the termination. | 3 | the State of Alaska, do hereby certify: |
| 4 | A Yes. | 4 | That the witness in the foregoing proceedings was duly sworn; that the proceedings were then taken before me |
| 5 | Q Why were you surprised? | 6 | at the time and place herein set forth; that the testimony |
| 6 | A I you know, I I guess I just hadn't | 7 | and proceedings were reported stenographically by me and |
| 7 | thought about it. I wasn't focused on that. I was | 8 | later transcribed under my direction by computer |
| 8 | focused focused on what was in front of me. | 9 | transcription; that the foregoing is a true record of the |
| 9 | Q Okay. So I mean, sitting here today and kind of | 10 | testimony and proceedings taken at that time; and that I |
| 10 | looking back, is there something that you would want to | 11 | am not a party to nor have I any interest in the outcome |
| 11 | have done differently regarding the process that either | 12 | of the action herein contained. |
| 12 | that led to the termination of Ms. Rodell's employment or | 13 | IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my |
| 13 | subsequent to that? | 14 | hand and affixed my seal this 15th day of June 2022. |
| 14 | A What should we have done different? I haven't | 15 | |
| 15 | thought about that, either. Okay. So that's why I'm | 16 | Many U. M.E |
| 16 | thinking on the spot. This kind of matter is extremely | 17 | hand a. Ant |
| 17 | uncomfortable, no matter what process you have in place. | 18 | |
| 18 | So it was it was going to be difficult, and it was | | MARY A. VAVRIK, |
| 19 | difficult. | 19 | Registered Merit Reporter |
| 20 | In hindsight, would I have done anything | | Notary Public for Alaska |
| 21 | different? You know, there is always little things, I | 20 | |
| 22 | guess, you can improve on, but would it have changed the | 21 22 | My Commission Expires: November 5, 2024 |
| 23 | outcome? You know, I'm talking about the process. | 22 | |
| 24 | Q Uh-huh. | 23 | |
| 25 | A The outcome wouldn't have changed. I don't I | 25 | |
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