

**ETHICS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**October 28, 2014**

**ITEM 5(c) Committee Member Vacancies FOR 2015**

**Public Member Terms:** Expiring in January 2015

- Dennis "Skip" Cook
- Herman G. Walker, Jr.

The two members will be contacted to see if they wish to serve another 3-year term. A letter will be sent to Chief Justice Dana Fabe on November 17, 2014, notifying her of the two terms that are expiring.

She is not expected to respond until the day after the 2015 session begins.

**EXPLANATION:** If the nominations are submitted to the House and Senate after the beginning of the session, the current members serve until a successor has been appointed. If the names are submitted prior to the beginning of the legislative session, the current members serve only for 30 days. By delaying the submission of the names, the Ethics Committee will have a full complement of public members until a successor has been appointed and therefore assuring a quorum of public members to conduct business.

**Rules of Procedure**

2(d) **PUBLIC MEMBER VACANCIES:** The nomination process for vacancies on the committee for public members is dictated by AS 24.60.130. The committee establishes the following policy for notification of vacancies on the committee:

- (1) By November 1 of the year prior to the vacancy, a notice will be placed on the committee website announcing the vacancy or vacancies.
- (2) Notices will also be sent to all legislators and Legislative Information Offices for posting.
- (3) Other means of notification may be utilized as well.

**AS 24.60.130(b)(3)** Five public members who are selected by the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court and who are ratified by two-thirds of the full membership of the senate and two-thirds of the full membership of the house.

**AS 24.60.130(g)** Each public member serves for a term that commences on the date the member is ratified and ends on the first day of the third regular session that follows the ratification. A public member whose term has expired continues in office until a successor has been appointed and ratified or until the 30<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the first legislative session that follows the successor's appointment, whichever is earlier.

**Legislator Terms:** Expiring on January 20, 2015

- All legislators currently serving on the committee.
- All alternate legislators currently serving on the committee.

A letter will be sent on November 7, 2014, to the Speaker of the House, House Minority Leader, Senate President, and Senate Minority Leader notifying them of the process for appointing legislators to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

**Sec. 24.60.130. Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.**

**(b)** The committee consists of nine members, in two subcommittees, as follows:

- (1) the senate subcommittee, which consists of two members of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the minority organizational caucus, if any, appointed by the president of the senate with the concurrence by roll call vote of two-thirds of the full membership of the senate, and includes the five public members appointed under (3) of this subsection;
- (2) the house subcommittee, which consists of two members of the house, one of whom shall be a member of the minority organizational caucus, if any, appointed by the speaker of the house with the concurrence by roll call vote of two-thirds of the full membership of the house, and includes the five public members appointed under (3) of this subsection; and

**(g)** Each legislative member serves for the duration of the legislature during which the member is appointed.