ETHICS COMMITTEE MEETING January 21, 2015

ITEM 7c. Update: Public Member Committee Appointments

• Chief Justice Dana Fabe has indicated that she will issue a letter on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

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Chief Justice Fabe:

RE: Public Member Nominations to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics for 2015

Under AS 24.60.130(b)(3) the five public members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics are appointed by the Chief Justice and ratified by two thirds of the full membership of each house of the legislature. Two public members' terms will expire in 2015; Dennis "Skip" Cook and Herman G. Walker, Jr.

Attached is a listing of current Committee members with contact information. The affiliation, location and occupation of the current public members are as follows:

Democrat:

H. Conner Thomas, Attorney from Nome; and

Janie Lease, Retired from Homer.

Non-Partisan: Dennis "Skip" Cook, Attorney from Fairbanks; and

Herman G. Walker Jr, Attorney/Business Owner from Anchorage.

Republican:

Gary J. Turner, Director Kenai Peninsula College from Soldotna.

- Mr. Cook has expressed an interest in serving another term on the committee. He has served since 1998.
- Mr. Walker has expressed an interest in serving another term on the committee. He has served since 2002.

The nomination of public members can take place either prior to the beginning of the legislative session or after. The committee's preference would be for public member

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nominations to be made <u>after</u> the beginning of the 2015 regular legislative session, which begins on January 20, 2015, for the purpose of maintaining a quorum of the committee. If the nomination is made prior to the beginning of session and for some reason the successor(s) are not ratified within the first 30 days of the session, the committee members whose term expire are no longer on the committee. A letter dated January 21, 2013 or later would be the committee's preference.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions, I can be reached at 269-0150 or my cell at 748-6387. Chair Gary J. Turner can be reached at 907-262-0315.

Sincerely,

Jerry D. Anderson, Administrator

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- AS 24.60.130 and AS 24.60.131
- Committee members contact info
- Website page on Appointments and Vacancies
- Resumes