

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
**OMBUDSMAN SELECTION COMMITTEE**

April 27, 2002  
9:10 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Senator Randy Phillips, Co-Chair  
Senator Ben Stevens  
Representative Pete Kott, Co-Chair  
Representative Lesil McGuire  
Representative Ethan Berkowitz

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Senator Johnny Ellis

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

SELECTION OF AN OMBUDSMAN

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

See Ombudsman Selection Committee minutes dated 4/2/02, 4/17/02, 4/18/02 and 4/20/02.

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CO-CHAIR RANDY PHILLIPS** called the Ombudsman Selection Committee meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Representatives McGuire, Berkowitz and Kott and Senators Stevens and Phillips were present.

**SENATOR STEVENS** moved that the committee go into executive session pursuant to Uniform Rule 22(b)(2), "for discussions of subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation or character of the person's name discussed."

There being no objection, **CO-CHAIR PHILLIPS** announced the motion carried and that the committee was in executive session.

9:35 a.m.

**CO-CHAIR PHILLIPS** reconvened the public meeting and announced the

committee selected Linda Lord-Jenkins as the nominee to present to the Speaker of the House and Senate President for action by both bodies.

CO-CHAIR PHILLIPS said he had some letters he would like committee members to review and asked Ms. Ohmer to address the committee.

MS. JUDY OHMER, staff to Co-Chair Kott, told members that in their packets, in descending order, are letters to the nominee, the people who were interviewed and to the other applicants.

CO-CHAIR PHILLIPS asked members to read the letters and comment. He then asked Ms. Ohmer to change the conjunction "we're" to "we are" in the letters. He told members that once all of the [letters] are approved, the letters will be circulated among members for their signatures. He asked members if there were any objections to the letters to be sent to Senate President Halford and House Speaker Porter. There were none.

SENATOR STEVENS said he believes the committee, as a whole, should express its gratitude to Ms. Moya for serving in a temporary position for a long period of time and for the leadership she has exhibited. He said he believes the record should show that Ms. Moya made a significant contribution to the success of the Office of the Ombudsman and that the committee hopes that she will continue on in her current position.

CO-CHAIR PHILLIPS announced that without objection, he would circulate a draft letter to Ms. Moya for members' review.

REPRESENTATIVE MCGUIRE said she would like to thank the staff for their help throughout this process. She noted two grammatical corrections.

AN UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER said he believes the committee should acknowledge the applicants who applied but were not selected.

CO-CHAIR PHILLIPS said it is his intent to draft letters to those applicants that he and Co-Chair Kott would sign. CO-CHAIR KOTT agreed to do so.

There being no further business to come before the committee, CO-CHAIR PHILLIPS thanked members and adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.