

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE STANDING COMMITTEE**

March 30, 2011

3:20 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative Kurt Olson, Chair  
Representative Dan Saddler  
Representative Steve Thompson  
Representative Lindsey Holmes  
Representative Bob Miller

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Representative Craig Johnson, Vice Chair  
Representative Mike Chenault

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

**CONFIRMATION HEARINGS:**

**Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy**

Andre Horton  
Jeffrey Johnson

- CONFIRMATION(S) ADVANCED

**Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

Robert Klein  
Marvin Yoder

- CONFIRMATION(S) ADVANCED

**Board of Barbers and Hairdressers**

Michael Bolivar

- CONFIRMATION(S) ADVANCED

**Board of Dental Examiners**

Cheryl Fellenberg  
Dr. Thomas Kovaleski  
Dr. Paul Silveira

Dr. Robert Warren

- CONFIRMATION(S) ADVANCED

**Alaska Labor Relations Agency**

Willard Askren  
Aaron Isaacs, Jr.

- CONFIRMATION(S) ADVANCED

**Board of Marine Pilots**

David Arzt  
Robert Richmond  
Tylan Schrock

- CONFIRMATION(S) ADVANCED

**Board of Marital and Family Therapy**

Dr. Leon Webber  
JoAnn Young

- CONFIRMATION(S) ADVANCED

**Board of Certified Direct-Entry  
Midwives**

Dr. Peggy Downing

- CONFIRMATION(S) ADVANCED

**Board of Nursing**

Beth Farnstrom  
Julie Gillette  
Erin Pringle

- CONFIRMATION(S) ADVANCED

**Board of Examiners in Optometry**

Dr. Paul Barney

- CONFIRMATION(S) ADVANCED

**Board of Pharmacy**

Lori DeVito  
Dirk White

- CONFIRMATION(S) ADVANCED

**State Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Board**

Valerie Phelps

- CONFIRMATION(S) ADVANCED

**Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers**

L. April Moore

- CONFIRMATION(S) ADVANCED

**Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate  
Examiners**

Dr. John DeRuyter

- CONFIRMATION(S) ADVANCED

**Board of Social Work Examiners**

Jennifer Syzdek

- CONFIRMATION(S) ADVANCED

**Real Estate Commission**

Marianne Burke  
Brad Cole  
Charlene Flyum

- CONFIRMATION(S) ADVANCED

**Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission**

Jim Robison

- CONFIRMATION(S) ADVANCED

**Alaska Workers' Compensation Board**

Bradley Austin  
Jeffrey Bizzarro  
Charles Collins, Jr.  
David Kester  
Krista Lord  
David Robinson  
Arlyis Scates  
Zebulon Woodman

- CONFIRMATION(S) ADVANCED

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

No previous action to record

**WITNESS REGISTER**

KONRAD JACKSON, Staff  
Representative Kurt Olson  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Presented a list of the Governor's appointees for confirmation hearing on behalf of the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee, Representative Kurt Olson, Chair.

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CHAIR KURT OLSON** called the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. Representatives Olson, Holmes, Miller, Saddler and Thompson were present at the call to order.

**Confirmation Hearings**

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CHAIR OLSON announced that the only order of business would be to hold confirmation hearings on the Governor's appointees to various state boards and commissions.

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KONRAD JACKSON, Staff, Representative Kurt Olson, Alaska State Legislature, referred to a memorandum in members' packets dated

March 30, 2011 to Suzi Lowell, Chief Clerk. He stated that the committee members have had ample time to review the resumes of the Governor's appointees to various state boards and commissions. He read a list of the appointees, as follows:

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**Appraisers**

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MR. JACKSON reminded members that the member's signature on the referral memo does not reflect the intent by any of the members to vote for or against individuals during any further session for the purposes of confirmation.

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CHAIR OLSON, after first determining no one else wished to testify, closed public testimony on the confirmation hearings.

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REPRESENTATIVE SADDLER stated that he previously served as the Deputy Director of the Boards and Commissions. He stated that he is pleased the Governor's office has been able to facilitate a slate of candidates to appoint to the boards and commissions. He mentioned that the service is unpaid but is vital to the operation of government. He offered his appreciation for everyone who put his/her name forward for consideration.

CHAIR OLSON agreed.

REPRESENTATIVE HOLMES also agreed. She related she has previously been on the list for a confirmation hearing and stated that it is an interesting process.

REPRESENTATIVE HOLMES made a motion to advance the confirmations for appointees referred to the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee for consideration to the joint session of the House and Senate for consideration. She also reminded members that a signature on the committee's report in no way reflects the member's vote during the joint floor session. There being no objection, the confirmations were advanced.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.