

Minutes Executive Branch

1st Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by chairman Victor Rivers; all members present.
2. The chairman opened nominations for vice-chairman. Thomas Harris and John Boswell were nominated. Chairman Rivers ask for Harris to be appointed secretary. Nominations were closed. Boswell elected as vice-chairman/
3. Discussion was held on committee procedure and ideas of executive powers. Poll of members show preference for strong executive power.
4. It was decided by committee that the chairman would act as spokes=
man for committee both on the convention floor and to the press.
5. Reading of the PAS folder on the executive branch followed. Readings were given by Nordale and Harris. Lomberg to start reading in next meeting.
6. Meeting adjourned until Thursday morning, Nov. 17, 1955.

Minutes Executive Branch
2nd Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Victor Rivers; All members present.
Minutes were read and approved.
2. Members discussed with Emil Sady ideas on divisional powers, Governors qualifications (age, citizenship, etc.) Governors appointments. Mr. Sady was asked to bring information and suggestion on some of these items.
3. Readings of the Pas folder on the executive Branch followed. Readings were given by Lomborg and Vanderleese. Readings to be continued by Boswell at next meeting starting with "Governors Relations with Legislature."
4. Meeting adjourned until regular meeting time Friday.

Minutes Executive Branch
3rd Meeting Nov. 18, 1955

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Victor Rivers
All members present.
2. Minutes read and approved.
3. Discussion was held on combining duties of Lt. Governor and Sec. of State. Sady to bring more information. Also will bring in more information on the feasibility of combining Governor and Lt. Governor on same ticket.
4. Discussion was held on future site of the Capitol. No decision reached.
5. Readings were given by Boswell and Barr from PAS manual completing the section on Executive Branch.
6. Suggested by Barr and tentatively accepted by committee that the Governor shall be elected for a four year term but not to exceed two such terms in succession.
7. Poll of the committee shows minimum age for Governor to be 30 yrs.
8. Poll of committee on Governor's residence in the ~~territory~~ state;
8 Years 4 votes, 7 Years 2 votes, 10 Years 1 vote.
9. Committee was adjourned until Monday morning at the usual time.

Minutes Executive Branch
5th Meeting/ Nov. 22, 1955

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Victor Rivers. All members Present.
2. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
3. Communication from Delegate Smith pertaining to education read and filed.
4. Chairman ask that record show that proposal number fourteen was read and *from his* ~~comparison~~ *Constitution parts of which will be included in committee draft* ~~compares quite closely to Constitution of Hawaii~~
5. Discussion was held on Executive and Administrative offices
6. Meeting adjourned until TV show at 3:30 this date.

Minutes Executive Branch
6th Meeting/ Nov. 22, 1955

1. meeting called to order by Chairman Victor Rivers.
2. Members of the committee were introduced to TV audience by chairman Victor Rivers.
3. Minutes of 5th meeting dispensed with for this time.
4. Discussion was held on different phases of Executive Branch and opinions were given by different members of the committee.
5. Meeting adjourned until regular meeting time.

Minutes Executive Branch
7th meeting/ Nove 23, 1955

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Victor Rivers. All Members present.
2. Reading of minutes of 5th and 6th meeting dispensed with at this time.
3. Discussion was continued on Executive Branch draft as per attached.
4. Meeting adjourned untill friday morning.

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Minutes Executive Branch
8th Meeting/ Nov. 25, 1955

1. Meeting called to order by Vice-chairman John Boswell.
All members present with exception of Chairman Victor Rivers.
2. Minutes of fifth, sixth and seventh meeting read and approved.
3. Discussion was held on when this committee should hold public meetings. Committee felt hearings should be held as soon as possible.
4. Discussion was held on what date this committee would have its proposal ready to present to the convention. A target date of Dec. 10th was set.
5. Discussion was held on rough draft of proposal.
6. Meeting adjourned until next regular meeting.

Minutes Executive Branch
9th Meeting/ Nov. 26, 1955

1. Meeting called to order by vice-chairman John Boswell all members present with the exception of Victor Rivers.
2. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
3. Chairman announced public hearings for this committee would be held on Dec. 3rd, *at 9:30 a.m. in the gallery.*
4. Discussion was held on the KFAR-TV programs. Committee will appear for program when scheduled.
5. Discussion was held on rough draft as per attached.
6. Meeting adjourned until next scheduled meeting.

VIII/Executive Branch/9
November 28, 1955

Minutes of 10th Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by chairman Victor Rivers. All members present except secretary, Thomas Harris. Katherine Nordale was appointed acting secretary.
2. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
3. Vice chairman announced that the committee would appear on KFAR-TV program at 10:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 29.
4. Discussion followed on external relations of the executive branch, and language drafted.

KATHERINE D. NORDALE

Acting Secretary

VIII/Executive Branch/10
November 29, 1955

Minutes of 11th Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by chairman Victor Rivers. All members present except T. Harris, secretary, and H. R. VanderLeest.
2. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
3. S. McCutcheon, chairman of the committee on the Legislative Branch, was present to discuss the treatment of the executive veto in the constitution, i.e. what portions of the subject should be treated in the article on the Legislative Branch, and which should be included in the article on the Executive Branch.
4. The following subjects were discussed and language drafted:
 - a. Governor's veto power
 - b. Governor's authority to call special sessions of the legislature
 - c. Last sentence of yesterday's portion amended.

KATHERINE D. NORDALE

Acting Secretary

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VIII/ Executive Branch/11
November 30, 1955

Minutes of 12th Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Victor Rivers. All Members present.
2. Minutes of 11th meeting read and approved.
3. Minutes of 5th meeting amended to read; Proposal 14 read and given due consideration. Parts of proposal to be used in committee proposals.
4. Work on rough draft continued as per attached.
5. Chairman requested secretary to have rough draft typed and copies ready for all ~~dele~~ committee members by next meeting.
6. Committee adjourned until next scheduled meeting.

Thomas C. Harris
Sec.

Constitutional Convention
VIII/ Executive Branch/ 12
Dec. 1, 1955

Minutes of 13th Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by chairman Victor Rivers. All members present.
2. Minutes of 12th meeting read and approved.
3. Discussion was held on qualifications of Governor. Vote on residence in Alaska; 10 yrs. Barr, Rivers, Luddborg.. 7 yrs. Harris, Vanderleest, Boswell.. .. 5 yrs. Nordale. A compromise of 7 yrs. was reached.
4. Minimum age of Governor agreed to be thirty years.
5. Discussion was held on Attorney General. Discussion will be continued at next meeting.
6. Meeting adjourned until next scheduled meeting.

Constitutional Convention
VIII/Executive/13
December 2, 1955

Minutes of 14th Meeting

1. Committee met at scheduled hour with all members present, and the Chairman presiding.
2. Minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved. The Secretary was excused.
3. Mimeographed copies of the tentative draft of constitutional provisions were distributed and discussion followed.
4. The chairman reported that the President's Committee of Chairmen had decided that the second reading of committee proposals would be handled in committee of the whole, the proceedings would be soundscribed and transcribed by the stenotypist, and would be the basis for the official constitution reports.
5. Committee was reminded that a public hearing will be held at the regular committee meeting, Saturday, December 3.
6. The revised schedule of committee meeting times was briefly considered but no action taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine D. Nordale
Acting Secretary

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Minutes of Meeting (16) Dec. 5, 1955

1. Committee called to order by chairman Victor Rivers; all members present.
2. Minutes of previous meeting dispensed with at this time.
3. Discussion was held on Public Officers and Employess. Mr Sadie was requested by the chairman to bring in a report on this at our next regular meeting.
4. Committe draft was read and amended as follows;

Section I

Para. I O.K. as written

Para. II 3rd line; change word "eight" to "seven"; strike the word "before" and insert the word "preceeding"

5th & 6th Line; strike comma after the word election and insert period. Delete the remainder of the Paragraph.

Para. III Line 1, delete the word "legally"

Para. IV Insert on lines 2 and 3 in space left blank for date the words "noon of the first Monday ~~of~~ December".

Insert on line 5, in space left blank for date the words "first Monday ~~of~~ December"

5. Consultants Ostrum and Bartley were called into the meeting to give thier ideas on when the governor should take office. The opinion of both were that the governor should take office from ~~one~~ six weeks to a month prior to the sitting of the legislature. Mr. Ostrum also suggested that the retiring governor should submit a report to the incoming governor.
6. Meeting adjourned until next regular meeting.

Minutes of the 17th Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by chairman Victor Rivers; all members present.
2. Minutes of last meeting read and approved with two corrections made.
 - 1e; Sec. 1 Para. 4 Line 4
Delete the word "for" after the word "eligible" and insert the words "to hold".
 - Sec. 1 Para. 5 Line 1
Insert the word "other" after the word "any"
3. Discussion was held on paragraph 6. Mr. Lomborg referred to New York constitution which elects the governor and lt. governor on one ballot. Mr. Sadie to bring in redraft on paragraph 6.
4. A sub-committee consisting of Mr. Lomborg, Mr. Boswell and Kathryn Nordale was appointed by the chair to redraft paragraphs seven through eleven.
5. Section 2, Para 1, Line 1.

Delete remainder of sentence after the word "shall" and insert "be responsible for the faithful execution of the laws".

Add to Para. 1.

The governor shall, prior to the ~~termination~~ end of his term, prepare a written report on the conduct of his administration, which shall include, such information as may be useful to his successor in carrying out the duties of that office.

Paragraph 2

- Line 2 & 3 Delete phrase in bracket
- line 3 Delete brackets from around the words "call out" delete word "activate"
- line 5 Insert after Governor the words "as provided by law".
- Line 7 Delete remainder of para. after the word "senate" and insert "and shall appoint and commission all other officers".

Paragraph 3 accepted as written

Paragraph 4

- Line 2 delete phrase in brackets
- Line 4 Insert period after the word "law" delete rest of sentence.
- Line 5 delete the word "will" in bracket

Paragraph 5 accepted as written

6. Meeting adjourned until next scheduled meeting.

Minutes of the 18th Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Victor Rivers. All members present with the exception of Mr. Boswell who was excused by the chairman.
2. Reading of previous meeting was read and approved.
3. Discussion was held on redraft presented by Mrs Nordale ^{+ Frank Ben} on Sec. 1, Paragraphs 7,8,9 and 10.
4. Redraft on paragraph 6 was accepted
5. Paragraph 11, Sec. 1, was adopted as amended.
6. Kathryn Nordale and Thomas Harris was asked by the chair to type the new proposals as amended.
7. Meeting was adjourned untill next regular meeting.

Thomas C. Harris Secretary

Constitutional Convention
VIII/ Executive Branch/4

Minutes Executive Branch
4th Meeting, November 21, 1955

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Victor Rivers. All members present.
2. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
3. Discussion was held and rough draft formed as per attached.
4. Discussion held about Tv. programs.
5. Meeting adjourned until next regular meeting.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF ALASKA

PROPOSAL NO. 14

INTRODUCED BY MAURICE T. JOHNSON

THE EXECUTIVE

1 SECTION 1. The executive power of the State is vested in
2 a governor.

3 The governor is elected by the qualified voters of this
4 State at a general election. The person receiving the highest
5 number of votes shall be the governor. In case of a tie vote,
6 the selection of the governor shall be determined in accordance
7 with law.

8 The term of office of the governor shall begin at noon on
9 the first Monday in December next following his election and
10 end at noon on the first Monday in December, four years there-
11 after.

12 No person shall be eligible to the office of governor un-
13 less he shall be a qualified voter, have attained the age of
14 thirty-five years and have been a citizen of the United States
15 for twenty years and a resident of this State for five years
16 next preceding his election.

17 The governor shall not hold any other office or employment
18 of profit under the State or the United States during his term
19 of office.

20 SECTION 2. There is a lieutenant governor, who shall have

1 the same qualifications as the governor. He is elected at the
2 same time, for the same term, and in the same manner, as
3 the governor. He shall perform such duties as may be pre-
4 scribed by law.

5 SECTION 3. The compensation of the governor and of the
6 lieutenant governor shall be prescribed by law. Such compen-
7 sation shall not be increased or diminished for their respec-
8 tive terms, unless by general law applying to all salaried
9 officers of the State. When the lieutenant governor succeeds
10 to the office of governor, he shall receive the compensation
11 for that office.

12 SECTION 4. When the office of governor is vacant, the
13 lieutenant governor shall become governor. In the event of the
14 absence of the governor from the State, or his inability to
15 exercise and discharge the powers and duties of his office,
16 such powers and duties shall devolve upon the lieutenant gover-
17 nor during such absence or disability.

18 When the office of lieutenant governor is vacant, or in
19 the event of the absence of the lieutenant governor from the
20 State, or his inability to exercise and discharge the powers
21 and duties of his office, such powers and duties shall devolve
22 upon such officers in such order of succession as may be pro-
23 vided by law.

24 In the event of the impeachment of the governor or of the
25 lieutenant governor, he shall not exercise the powers of his

1 office until acquitted.

2 SECTION 5. The governor is responsible for the faithful
3 execution of the laws. He is the commander in chief of the
4 armed forces of the State and may call out such forces to ex-
5 ecute the laws, suppress or prevent insurrection or lawless
6 violence or repel invasion. He shall, at the beginning of
7 each session, and may, at other times, give to the Legisla-
8 ture information concerning the affairs of the State and re-
9 commend to its consideration such measures as he shall deem
10 expedient.

11 The governor may grant reprieves, commutations and par-
12 dons, after conviction, for all offenses, subject to regula-
13 tion by law as to the manner of applying for the same. The
14 legislature may, by general law, authorize the governor to
15 grant pardons before conviction, to grant pardons for impeach-
16 ment and to restore civil rights denied by reason of convic-
17 tion of offenses by tribunals other than those of this State.

18 The governor shall appoint an administrative director
19 to serve at his pleasure.

20 SECTION 6. All executive and administrative offices, de-
21 partments and instrumentalities of the state government and
22 their respective functions, powers and duties shall be located
23 by law among and within not more than twenty principal depart-
24 ments in such manner as to group the same according to major
25 purposes so far as practicable. Temporary commissions or

1 agencies for special purposes may be established by law and
2 need not be allocated within a principal department.

3 Each principal department shall be under the supervision
4 of the governor and, unless otherwise provided in this consti-
5 tution or by law, shall be headed by a single executive. Such
6 single executive shall be appointed by the Governor and shall
7 serve at his pleasure. All other appointments provided by law
8 shall be by the Governor and appointees shall serve at his
9 pleasure.

10 All officers appointed under the provisions of this sec-
11 tion shall be citizens of the United States, and of this State
12 and shall have been residents of the State for at least three
13 years next preceding their appointment.

Constitutional Convention
VIII/ Executive Branch/ 18
Dec. 8th 1955

Minutes of 19th Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by chairman Victor Rivers; Vanderleest And Barr absent with the consent of the Chairman.
2. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.
3. Discussion was continued on rough draft with several corrections being made.
4. Meeting adjourned until next called meeting.

Constitutional Convention
VIII/ Executive Branch/ 19
Dec 11, 1955

Minutes of the 20th Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by chairman Victor Rivers in the Apartment of Mr. Sadie.
2. Discussion was held on rough draft and an additional draft presented by Mr. Sadie on "Department and committee heads"
3. Plans were made for completing draft as soon as possible.
4. Meeting adjourned until next regular meeting time

ACTIONS TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH COMMITTEE
AT
MEETING ON DECEMBER 11, 1955

1. Section 1, paragraph 5 should read: "The Governor, the Secretary of State, and the full-time heads of departments shall not hold any other office or employment of profit under the state, or the United States, during his (sic) term of office, compensation for service in the Armed Forces of the state is not profit as that term is here used." (NOTE: This paragraph needs further revision).
2. The constitution should not provide for the pocket veto.
3. The governor should be authorized to adjourn the legislature upon request of one house (See Barr, Boswell, Nordale draft).
4. No provision need be made for department heads to supply information upon request.
5. The following civil service provision was tentatively approved: "The legislature shall provide for the establishment of a civil service system which shall be governed by the merit principle."
6. The draft provisions on "disqualification for disloyalty" and "oath of office" were approved.
7. Section 3 was approved in the form attached herewith.
8. No provision need be made for an administrative manager. The authority to establish such a position exists under the language already approved.

Amendment No. _____

Constitutional Convention
By Committee on Executive Branch
Date January 27, 1956

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III - STYLE AND DRAFTING

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that ARTICLE III of the Report of the Committee on Style and Drafting be amended as follows:

Section 10, Page 2, strike the section and insert the following:

"Section 10. If the governor-elect dies, resigns or is disqualified, the secretary of state elected with him succeeds to the office of governor. If the governor-elect fails to assume office for any other reason, the secretary of state elected with him shall serve as acting governor and succeeds to the office if the governor-elect does not assume his office within six months of the beginning of the term."

Section 13, Page 3, strike the section and insert the following:

" Section 13. Provision shall be made by law for succession to the office of governor in the event that the secretary of state is unable to succeed to the office. Provision shall also be made for a person to serve as acting governor in the event that the secretary of state is unable to act as governor. No election of a secretary of state shall be held except at the time of electing a governor."

Summary Progress Report No. 2, dated December 5, 1955 states that a steno-typed record of the public hearings held December 3, 1955, by the Committee on the Executive Branch, *was kept.*

They were never transcribed. Apparently, the stenotypist's notes were not turned over to become part of the files of the Convention.

Minutes of the 21st Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Victor Rivers. All members present with the exception of Mr. Barr who had been excused by the Chairman.
2. Discussion was held on the different methods of selecting an attorney general; ie. direct appointment, nomination by another body appointment by the governor, elective.
3. A poll of the committee showed Mrs, Nordale, Mr Vanderleest and Mr Lomborg ^{and Mr Benda} in favor of direct appointment. Mr Rivers and Mr Harris favored nomination by judicial council and appointment by the govoner.
4. Meeting adjourned untill next called meeting.

Amendment No. _____

Constitutional Convention
By Com. on Executive Branch
January 27, 1956

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III - STYLE AND DRAFTING

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that Article **III** of the Report of the Committee on Style and Drafting be amended as follows:

Section 23, page 6, line 4, insert period after the word "orders", strike balance of section and substitute the following:

"These orders become effective after sixty days of a regular session of the legislature have elapsed following their issuance or at the close of the next regular session, whichever is sooner, unless disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session."