

NORTH TEXAS TOLLWAY AUTHORITY  
NTTA Legal Services Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 3, 2013

A public notice of this meeting containing all items was filed in the Office of the Secretary of State as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, referred to as "The Open Meetings Act."

Minutes of the NTTA Legal Services Committee meeting held at the North Texas Tollway Authority, 5900 West Plano Parkway, Plano, Texas, on January 3, 2013, beginning at 8:15 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chairman Denison called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

**1. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Committee Chairman Denison established a quorum by calling the roll. The following committee members were in attendance:

Dave Denison	Committee Chairman
William Elliott	Member
George (Tex) Quesada	Member

The following ex officio non-voting members were in attendance:

Gerry Carrigan	Executive Director
Tom Bamonte	General Counsel
Frank Stevenson	Board Counsel
Magdalena Kovats	Director of Internal Audit

Chairman Barr, Vice Chairman Moore, Director Ellis-Kirk, Director Nowels, and Director Willard were also in attendance.

NTTA employees attending the Committee meeting were: Gerry Carrigan, CEO/Executive Director; John Carreker, CCO/Deputy Executive Director; Ruby Franklin, Secretary; Lorelei Griffith, Assistant Secretary; Janice Davis, CFO/Treasurer; Tom Bamonte, General Counsel; Magdalena Kovats, Director of Internal Audit; Ray Zies, Controller; Felix Alvarez, Director of Procurement Services, Carrie Rogers, Director of Government Affairs; Anthony Coleman, Director of Business Diversity.

Also present at the meeting representing the Authority were Frank Stevenson, Locke, Lord, Board Counsel to the Authority; Rick Porter, Greg Schaecher, McCall Parkhurst & Horton, Bill Mahomes, Mahomes Bolden, P.C., Bond Counsel to the Authority; Michael Copeland, CDM Smith Associates, Traffic & Revenue Consultant to the Authority.

2. General public comments not related to specific agenda items

No comments were made under this item.

3. Approval of minutes from the December 6, 2012 Legal Services Committee meeting

Director Quesada made a motion to approve the December 6, 2012 Legal Services Committee meeting minutes, and Director Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0. (Resolution No. 13-24)

4. Report on time-sensitive legal counsel assignments

Tom Bamonte, Assistant Executive Director of General Counsel, reported that there were no time-sensitive assignments during the past month.

5. Proposed new assignments to outside legal counsel

- A. Preparation of interlocal agreement with Denton County – southbound DNT frontage road: Locke Lord
- B. Provide advice/counsel on NTTA employee benefit plans – regulatory compliance: Locke Lord
- C. Provide advice/ counsel on NTTA project financing options at upcoming staff meeting on innovative financing: Bracewell & Guiliani; Fulbright & Jaworski; Locke Lord; Mahomes Bolden; and McCall Parkhurst Horton

Mr. Bamonte provided a briefing on the proposed new assignments to Locke Lord for items A and B, and requested that item C be deferred pending further development.

Committee Chairman Denison pulled item C and indicated that further work would be performed by staff.

Director Elliott made a motion to approved items A and B and Director Quesada seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

6. Extended term contracts for certain existing outside counsel

- A. Locke Lord LLP
- B. Mahomes Bolden PC
- C. McCall Parkhurst Horton LLP

Mr. Bamonte stated that he had reached out to Locke Lord LLP, Mahomes Bolden PC, and McCall Parkhurst Horton LLP, to submit their proposals if they were interested in an extended term contract. All three firms indicated that they are interested and were in the process of putting together their proposals.

Committee Chairman Denison asked the Committee to consider approval of the term extension of the contracts, with the rates to be negotiated by Mr. Bamonte before the January Board meeting. Director Elliott made a motion to approve and Director Quesada seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion was approved 3-0.

7. Executive Session

An Executive Session was not held.

8. Adjournment

Director Quesada made a motion to adjourn and Committee Chairman Denison seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.



Dave Denison, Chairman  
NTTA Legal Services Committee

Ruby Franklin, Secretary