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ARKANSAS LOTTERY COMMISSION

Thursday, June 4, 2009

10:30 a.m.

University of Arkansas System's Board Room
Little Rock, Arkansas

The Arkansas Lottery Commission met June 4, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., in the University of Arkansas System's Board Room in Little Rock, Arkansas. Arkansas Lottery Commissioners present were: Ray Thornton, Chairman; Dianne Lamberth, Vice Chair; Derrick Smith, Secretary/Treasurer (via teleconference); George Hammons; Susan Jones (via teleconference); Mike Malone; Ben Pickard; Patty Shipp and Joe White. Bureau of Legislative Research (BLR) staff: Laura Gilson; Attorney, Estella Smith; Analyst, Kendra Drone; Secretary, Patrick Ralston.

Chairman Thornton called the meeting to order and noted that Commissioners Susan Jones and Derrick Smith were present via teleconference.

Director Search

He noted for the record that this was a special meeting for which the required notice was given late yesterday afternoon. He also made it clear that the Commission was meeting in a regular session. He stated that the Commission had a reason to consider the Director search in Executive Session. He asked that either the Commission be excused or that the audience move to another location within the building.

Ms. Laura Gilson, Attorney, Bureau of Legislative Research, suggested that the Commission would have more privacy in the Board Room. Mr. Mike Wickline, Reporter, Arkansas Democrat Gazette wanted to verify if the Commission was going into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters regarding the individual candidates and not the process of the candidates. Chairman Thornton assured Mr. Wickline that any discussion by the Commission regarding the process of candidates would be open to the public.

Executive Session

The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:35 a.m., and emerged from the Session at 11:45 a.m. Chairman Thornton called the meeting to order. He stated that the Executive Session was a general discussion of personnel matters involving the applications for the Director's position. He noted that no action was taken. He stated that the Commission had no further business except that he had been asked by all of the Commissioners that the BLR staff immediately present to the Commission all of the additional applications for the Director's position so that they could review them in an expeditiously way.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.