



APPROVED MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING of the STATE BOARD OF GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND
Monday, October 31, 2011
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Teleconference

Special Committee Members

Eric Holm, President
Jeff Neidich

Executive Officer

Antonette Sorrick

Legal Counsel

Laura Freedman Eidson

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call (E. Holm)
President Holm called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Roll was taken and a Special Committee of two was established to conduct business.
2. Necessity of Meeting with Less than 10 Days' Notice – Whether Compliance Poses a Substantial Hardship to the Board or Immediate Action is Required to Protect the Public Interest
Board Counsel Freedman Eidson explained that to comply with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act as well as the Board's statutory requirements under Business and Professions Code section 7215.6, a finding of necessity to meet with less than 10 days' notice. Board Member Neidich moved to proceed with the meeting based on Board Counsel's advice, finding that there was a substantial hardship to the Board if it did not proceed and immediate action was required to protect the public interest. Board President Holm seconded the motion.

Committee Vote: Motion Passed (unanimous).
3. Explanation of Informal Proceeding Regarding Interim Custody of Guide Dog Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 7215.6 (L. Freedman Eidson)

Counsel explained that the continued informal proceeding was to determine custody of guide dog pending a request for arbitration by the user. Counsel explained that each party would have an opportunity after reviewing the written statements to present facts, and respond to the other party's presentation. After that procedure, the Special Committee would deliberate in closed session. After deliberation, the decision would be delivered to both parties.

4. Closed Session (Government Code § 11126(c)(2)) - Presentation from Parties Regarding Custody of Guide Dog Pending Arbitration Request and Hearing

The minutes of this portion of the meeting are reflected in the closed session minute book.

5. Closed Session (Government Code § 11126(c)(3)) -Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Custody of Guide Dog Pending Arbitration Request and Hearing

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6. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.