



# Northwest Arctic Borough

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## Northwest Arctic Borough Ethics Committee Meeting Minutes Friday, April 10, 2015 – 1:00 P.M. Northwest Arctic Borough – Kotzebue, AK

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pete Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

### INVOCATION

Moment of silence.

### ROLL CALL

#### Ethics Committee Members Present:

Frank Greene                      Lucy Nelson                      Pete Schaeffer

#### Introduction of Staff and Guests

Wendie Schaeffer                  Stephanie Joannides                  Stella Atoruk

**A quorum was present to conduct business.**

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda presented for April 10, 2015 meeting. Chair Schaeffer mentioned that if any public comments it will have after executive session.

**Member Nelson motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Member Greene. Passed unanimously.**

### NEW BUSINESS

Stephanie Joannides mentioned that there has been two matters brought before the ethics committee; possible ethics violations; when presented to the committee and the subject might be one to tend to prejudice the character of the other person and they haven't requested a

public hearing at this point. Discussion of those matters remain confidential and provided in the code and ordinances.

**Member Nelson move to approve to go into Executive Session, seconded by Member Greene.**

Before going into executive session Stephanie Joannides provided a background for the Committee; independent counsel, lawyer since 1984. Background consist of criminal defense work, prosecutor for years, assistant of attorney general representing the Department of Law, Public Safety, Corrections; also, been assistant attorney general representing for the State and State agencies when they were sued, and the employees. Become a judge in 1994 as district court judge and superior judge in 2000; proteome to court of appeals during that time. Going into seventeen years she had retired and become as a senior judge doing temporary assignments and projects for the court; also private mediations. She had been inactive and retained by Northwest Arctic Borough as an independent counsel for the Ethics Committee for this project.

**Member Nelson motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Member Greene. Passed unanimously.**

**Reconvene at 2:01 P.M.**

Chair Schaeffer mentioned they are seeking more information, instructed legal counsel to investigate for more information. At this time to audience comments.

### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Member Nelson had no comment.

Member Greene glad got this meeting going, looking forward to the information.

Member Schaeffer had no comment.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Member Nelson move to adjourn at 2:25 P.M.**