

External Report Review Committee Minutes
September 10, 2020 – 3:45 p.m.

Present: Chairman Eric Connolly; Committee Members Phil Barrett, Tara Gaston, Bill Peck, Tom Richardson, Kevin Tollisen, Benny Zlotnick; Supervisors Todd Kusnierz, Darren O'Connor, Jonathan Bernstein, Matthew Van Vessem, Goldberg Segalla; Ben Neidel, E. Stewart Jones, Hacker, Murphy LLP.

Chairman Connolly called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Ms. Gaston, the minutes of the August 21, 2020 meeting were approved. Mr. Tollisen and Mr. Richardson abstained from voting.

Mr. Connolly welcomed Mr. Tollisen and Mr. Richardson as new committee members and thanked them for their participation. Mr. Connolly reviewed the five points as laid out in the previous committee meeting. Mr. Connolly said that they asked Attorneys Bernstein and Van Vessem to take a look at the 5 items and apply them to the named individuals that were supplied to them by the committee. The five items are as follows:

1. The report concludes that named officials informed County staff that their workers who showed up “in-person” would be paid time and a half before the Board of Supervisors (BOS) discussed and voted to form the COVID-19 Oversight Group (Resolution 84-2020)
2. Several named officials presented incorrect information to the BOS regarding other local municipalities paying time and a half to “in person” essential workers
3. Named officials improperly paid time and a half to several individuals whose pay is subject to legislative action and permissive referendum
4. Named officials appear to have violated open meetings law
5. Named officials failed to communicate effectively with the BOS, labor unions, and non-unionized employees regarding when time and a half would end

Mr. Connolly said that at this point, the committee needs to get counsel from the legal team who are experts in labor issues. Mr. Connolly said that they will discuss with them, in Executive Session, these occurrences and whether the individuals that were agreed upon should face any or disciplinary action of any kind.

A motion was made by Mr. Zlotnick, seconded by Mr. Richardson, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons, to discuss matters potentially leading to the discipline of a particular person or persons, and to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Ms. Gaston, to return to open session. Unanimous. No action was taken in Executive Session.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Committee would be scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 3:45pm.

On a motion made by Mr. Zlotnick, seconded by Mr. Richardson, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board