

Minutes
Indiana Lobby Registration Commission
Regular Public Meeting
Market Tower, 10 West Market Street, Indianapolis, IN
11:00 a.m., June 7, 2024

Members Present: Chairperson Beverly Gard; Commissioners Bill Friend, Terry White and Joe Micon

Staff Present: Edward Ferguson, Executive Director and General Counsel; Amy Nicholson, Director of Operations; Pam Hebenstreit, Customer Relations Representative

Public Present: As per sign-in sheet

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

At 11:15 a.m. on June 7, 2024, Chairperson Beverly Gard called to order the Regular Public Meeting of the Indiana Lobby Registration Commission. The meeting was conducted in person at Market Tower, 10 West Market Street in Indianapolis. Before proceeding to the first item on the agenda, Chairperson Gard read the following statement:

“The Indiana Lobby Registration Commission met in executive session immediately before this public meeting to discuss job performance evaluations of employees as permitted under IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(9). No other subject matter was discussed during the executive session, and the Commission took no final action during the executive session.”

Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the February 16, 2024 Zoom Executive Session and the June 30, 2023 Regular Public Meetings were reviewed and unanimously approved upon motion made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Micon.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Ferguson gave a brief report on staff activities.

Report on Late Fees and Appeals

Ms. Nicholson gave a report on late fees and appeals filed since July 1, 2023 and settled administratively pursuant to ILRC policy. Commissioners received a list of late filers, reasons for the late filings, and late fees assessed. No action was taken by the Commission.

Report on Legislation from the 2024 Session of the Indiana General Assembly

Mr. Ferguson reported that there was no legislation enacted during the session that affects the statutes or policies of the ILRC.

Annual Reports of State Colleges and Universities, Lobby Year 2023

Ms. Nicholson distributed a spreadsheet containing the information reported by the state colleges and universities for Lobby Year 2023.

Report on ILRC FY 2023-2024 FY Budget

Ms. Nicholson reported that even though this regular public meeting falls a few weeks before the end of the fiscal year, the ILRC will end the fiscal year with a surplus. She has secured carryover funding for the database and website upgrade and improvement project. No action was taken by the Commission.

Report on Employer and Compensated Lobbyist Expenditures

Ms. Nicholson referred to a spreadsheet that she had prepared that compares compensated lobbyist expense totals for lobby years 2023 and 2022. She reported an increase in registered compensated and employer lobbyists in lobby year 2023 as compared with lobby year 2022. The numbers of lobbyists will continue to increase as the lobby year progresses. No action was taken by the Commission.

Report on Database and Website Upgrade and Improvement Project

Work on the Phase I of the Database and Website Upgrade and Improvement Project is well under way. Surplus funds remaining from the FY 2023-2024 budget will allow the project to include additional features this year. No action was taken by the Commission.

Staff Salaries for FY 2023-2024

Commissioner White moved and Commissioner Micon seconded, a motion to increase the salary for Director of Operations Amy Nicholson by 5% for the upcoming fiscal year; to increase the rate for Executive Director Ferguson to \$101.335./hour; and to change Ms. Nicholson's title to Assistant Executive Director. The motion carried unanimously.

Report on Lease Extension between ILRC and Market Tower

Mr. Ferguson discussed the ongoing negotiations with building management regarding moving of the ILRC offices from Suite 2070 to Suite 1919. Construction

and buildout of the new offices will begin in July, with occupancy later in the summer.

Other Business, Comments from the Commissioners, and Public Comments

There was no other business brought before the Commission, and there were no comments from Commissioners or from the public attendees.

Reception for Pam Hebenstreit

Chairperson Gard invited all present to a reception in honor of Pam Hebenstreit, who is retiring.

Adjourn

Commissioner White moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friend, and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Ferguson
Executive Director and General Counsel