

Minutes
Indiana Lobby Registration Commission
September 30, 2010
10:00 AM
10 W. Market, Conference Room, Third Floor

Members present: Jan Abbs, Scott Mellinger, Sue Scholer, John Whikehart

Member absent: None

Staff present: Amy Moore Administrator; Sarah Nagy, Executive Director/Counsel, for the staff report and presentation of changes required due to amendment of the Lobby Registration statute in the 2010 General Session of the General Assembly.

Call to Order

On September 30, 2010, the public meeting of the Indiana Lobby Registration Commission was called to order at approximately 10:15 a.m. by the Chairman of the Commission, Jan Abbs. In the absence of the Executive Director/Counsel, the Chairman first reviewed the matters to be addressed during the meeting.

Minutes

The next order of business was consideration of the minutes presented by the Chairman due to the absence of the Executive Director/Counsel. The Commissioners reviewed and approved the minutes of the August 27, 2010 public meeting.

Action Items

The Commissioners then took up the matter of the effect of the changes made to the lobby registration statute during the 2010 Regular Session of the General Assembly. A summary of the changes to be considered and action taken by the Commission previously was provided by Commissioner Scholer. The Executive Director/Counsel advised that she had met with Representatives of GASI to review items of concern. The Commissioners then acted upon questions and concerns presented and provided directives for the implementation of the changes to the Lobby Registration statute.

The Commission determined by unanimous consent that a letter was to be prepared identifying the action taken by the Commission to implement the changes to the statute and the outstanding items to be addressed. The letter was to be delivered by the individual Commissioner to his or her appointing authority in a meeting to discuss any concerns and expectations of the legislators. When asked if she had sufficient information to prepare the letter and if it could be done immediately, the Executive Director/Counsel advised that she had taken extensive notes, that the letter would be a first priority, and that it would be completed by the following week.

The proposed forms implementing the changes to the statute were to be presented next to the Commission. The Executive Director/Counsel informed the Commission that the forms were nearly completed but she had not been able to have them printed for review at the meeting. The Chairman confirmed with the Executive Director/Counsel that the revised forms were not required for the filing of the activity reports due in November 2010. The Executive Director/Counsel was then directed that the letter be given first priority followed by the forms to assure proper implementation.

Staff Report

The staff report was given, which included an update on the lobbyist audits, lobbyist training, year-to-date expense budget, the lease and build-out plan, and late filers.

The meeting was then open for public comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chairperson Abbs adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:50 a.m.