

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
APPROVED MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Attorney Presentation/Selection Process
April 24, 2009

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida, met in Special Session duly called at 8:15 a.m. in the Boardroom, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. Present were: Tina Pinkoson, Chairman; Wes Eubank, Vice-Chairman; Ginger Childs, Eileen F. Roy, and Barbara Sharpe; and W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent.

This special meeting was scheduled to hear presentations from applicants for the position of School Board Attorney and to conduct interviews.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pinkoson.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Motion by Mrs. Sharpe Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to adopt the May 24, 2009, Special Meeting agenda as presented.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 5-0

PRESENTATION AND
INTERVIEWS

Presentations and interviews were conducted as follows:

8:30 a.m. Carla D. Franklin, Attorney at Law
10:00 a.m. Susan M. Seigle, Dell Graham
1:30 p.m. Leonard T. Hackett and T. Daniel Webb, Vernis & Bowling
3:00 p.m. Frank P. Saier, Scruggs & Carmichael

Consistent interview questions were posed to each candidate regarding:

- Knowledge of
 - Florida School Law
 - Administrative Procedures Act
 - Public Records Law
 - Parliamentary Procedure
- View of roles and duties of Board Attorney and Staff Attorney
- Philosophy on tort claims
- Providing equitable service to all Board members
- Availability for scheduled meetings and other matters as needed
- Becoming a member of the FSBA Attorney's Association

A Recess was called at 4 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened at 4:30 p.m. Board members individually ranked attorneys according to who they deemed to be most qualified. That process yielded the selection of Susan M. Seigle, Dell Graham.

Mrs. Pinkoson designated Mrs. Childs as the Board's agent in negotiating a contract with Dell Graham. An exact date of current Board Attorney Jim Lang's departure will be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.