

Timeline (Chad Brown DOC – CFO)

For clarity I have defined the names of those involved

- Benny Magness – Chairman of the Board of Corrections
- Lee Watson – member of Board of Corrections
- Shari Gray – Administrative Assistant to the Board of Corrections
- Mark Colbert – staff attorney for the Board of Corrections
- Abtin Mehdizadegan – private attorney for the Board of Corrections
- Ed Armstrong – Director of the Office of State Procurement (OSP)
- Heather Bailey – Chief Procurement Administrator for Department of Corrections
- Flora Johnson – Procurement Administrator for Department of Corrections

December

- 12/8/2023 (10:00am) – **Board Meeting** – voted to hire attorney.
- 12/8/2023 – Heather Bailey informed me that procurement law was not followed after the Board meeting.
- 12/14/2024 (2:00pm) – **Board Meeting** – Suspension of Joe Profiri
- 12/21/2023 (5:54pm) – 11 minute phone call with Benny Magness to discuss 2 issues
 - 1) Reimbursements for expiring Board member Whitney Gass
 - 2) Issues with payment of private counsel
- 12/22/2024 (5:00pm) – **Board Meeting** – Board agenda states retroactive engagement with Abtin Mehdizadegan.
- 12/27/2024 (5:00pm) – **Board Meeting** – Board agenda states Hearing Preparation.
- 12/28/2023 (4:04pm) – 12 minute phone call with Ed Armstrong to discuss potential violation of procurement law regarding the Board's hiring of an attorney.

January

- 1/2/2024 (12:11pm) – Text first, then had a phone conversation with Mark Colbert to discuss issues with procurement and paying attorney.
- 1/2/2024 (12:26pm) – Accidentally sent a text to Mark Colbert, but was intended for Wade Hodge, stating that Mark Colbert didn't want my questions in an email.
- 1/2/2024 (1:07pm) – Received call from Mark Colbert stating he did not want to be in the middle of this and to leave him out since he is being FOI'ed constantly.
- 1/9/2024 (5:00pm) – Text Andy Babbitt to schedule a time to discuss the procurement issue from an audit perspective. He replied to my text at 5:03pm.

- 1/10/2024 (9:30am) – Phone call with Andy Babbitt to discuss the procurement issue from an audit perspective.
- 1/10/2024 (4:30pm) – **Board Meeting** – Termination of Joe Profiri by teleconference
- 1/11/2023 – Wade Hodge, Heather Bailey, and I (Chad Brown) researching and discussing in prep to write a memo. (*Chad Brown and Heather Bailey texted as proof for this date*).
- 1/18/2024 (12:32pm) – Received the December (\$51,706) invoice, by email, from Shari Gray.
- 1/19/2024 (2:01pm) – Submitted procurement memo to Shari Gray and Benny Magness. Mark Colbert was copied on the email, along with Lindsay Wallace and Wade Hodge.
- 1/31/2024 (12:00pm) – **Board Meeting** – Interim Secretary selected. Ratification Letter was on the agenda, along with received invoice. I was called into Executive Session to explain my rationale for paying attorney. When the Board reconvened after Executive Session, I was instructed to get the invoices paid.

February

- 2/2/2024 (12:50pm) – Received initial ratification letter draft from Heather Bailey for review.
- 2/2/2024 (4:09pm) – Received a call from Lee Watson. Read him the initial draft over the phone and he asked that revisions be made.
- 2/5/2024 (10:26am) – Text Benny Magness a screenshot of the ratification letter. He replied, “ok” at 11:43am. I replied at 11:47am that I made changes based on a board member’s recommendation.
- 2/5/2024 (10:28am) – Phone call with Benny Magness notifying him of ratification being submitted before close of business and to be expecting it on March’s REVIEW agenda.
- 2/5/2024 (11:54am) – Sent revised draft to Wade Hodge for review.
- 2/5/2024 (12:43pm) – Wade Hodge made minor edits and sent back to me.
- 2/5/2024 (2:00pm) – Received the January (\$71,552) attorney invoices from Shari Gray with all Board Members copied on email, along with Mark Colbert.
- 2/5/2024 (2:35pm) – Phone call with Ed Armstrong notifying him that I am sending ratification letter to him for REVIEW agenda. No mention of any other documents that would be needed.

- 2/5/2024 (3:01pm) – Email sent to Ed Armstrong with Ratification Letter attached.
- 2/5/2024 (3:04pm) – Emailed Shari Gray and asked that she disseminate Ratification Letter to Board Members.
- 2/7/2024 – Interim Secretary steps down
- 2/15/2024 (9:00am-ish) – Met with Lee Watson to provide update on paying attorney.
- 2/15/2024 (2:00pm) – **Board Meeting** – Lindsay Wallace’s appointment to Secretary of Corrections
- 2/28/2024 (3:30pm) – **Board Meeting** – teleconference to discuss vacant School Superintendent, ACC Director, and Board Compliance Attorney positions. (*Board Compliance Attorney is not yet vacant.*)

March

- 3/4/2024 (3:09pm) – Text Lee Watson and asked if he had time for a question. (*Question was to ask what the Total Anticipated cost would be for the attorney*)
- 3/4/2024 (4:31pm) – Phone call with Lee Watson to get total anticipated cost from Abtin Mehdizadegan. He recommended I speak with Abtin Mehdizadegan.
- 3/4/2024 (5:49pm) – Phone call with Abtin Mehdizadegan to get potential total anticipated cost to add to OSP contract document. Abtin Mehdizadegan stated on the phone the amount of \$200,000 should be sufficient.
- 3/4/2024 (6:16pm) – Text Lee Watson tell let him know that I spoke to Abtin Mehdizadegan. He replied, “Good”.
- 3/4/2024 (6:37pm) – Received engagement letter that I requested from Shari Gray to put with OSP form.
- 3/5/2024 (7:25am) – Emailed Flora Johnson the engagement letter and told her to list \$200,000 as amount based on a phone call with Abtin Mehdizadegan.
- 3/5/2024 (7:37am) – Flora Johnson emailed me letting me know that OSP will kick back contract if things needed are not filled out.
- 3/5/2024 (7:43am) – Flora Johnson emailed me about procurement method and listed two options (RFP or RFQ).
- 3/5/2024 (7:44am) – I emailed Flora and said I would call her. I explained that we did not use either method because it was procured incorrectly from the start. She said we had to choose one or we could not enter it in the portal and it will not accept N/A. I instructed her to choose RFQ since that is the method that should have been used from the start.

- 3/5/2024 (10:06am) – Flora emailed to advise it was submitted in the portal. The contract entered into the portal without signature was used as a placeholder to meet the deadline. The goal was to get signatures on the same document and swap out.
- 3/5/2024 (1:07pm) – Email from OSP stating all the needed things to complete the contract document.
- 3/5/2024 (1:10pm) – Email notifying me of needed things from OSP and that deadline was 3:00 to get it submitted.
- 3/5/2024 (8:52pm) – Email to Shari Gray asking to send OSP forms (Grant Disclosure and Israel Boycott documents) to Board attorney for completion and signature. Shari Gray replied at 8:54pm that she would.
- 3/5/2024 (8:59pm) – Email to Shari Gray with contract attached for Abtin Mehdizadegan's signature. Benny Magness had not signed yet so Abtin was first signature requested. Also told her we cannot ratify anything without some sort of contract in the system.
- 3/6/2024 (8:58am) – Phone call to Benny Magness to explain time crunch and needing signatures. He asked that I work through Shari Gray.
- 3/6/2024 (11:39am) – Abtin Mehdizadegan returned contract to Shari Gray with his signature and copied Lee Watson and Benny Magness to email.
- 3/6/2024 (11:42am) – Shari Gray forwarded the signed contract, by Abtin Mehdizadegan, to me.
- 3/6/2024 (3:51pm) – Shari Gray forwarded fully signed contract, with both signatures.
- 3/6/2024 (3:52pm) – Forwarded fully signed contract to Heather Bailey, at which time Heather Bailey forwarded to OSP to be placed in OSP portal.
- 3/26/2024 (1:00pm) – **Board Meeting** – Interviews for Board Compliance Attorney
- 3/28/2024 – **Board Meeting** – Interviews for ACC Director.