

AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: October 26, 2012

TO: Members, Board of Trustees

FROM: Cathy Torney, Committee Coordinator

SUBJECT: Report of Action taken August 15, 2012, by the Board Committee on Operations on behalf of the Board between meetings – Ratification of Authorization to Proceed to Purchase Real Property in Los Angeles.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a report of action taken on August 15, 2012, by the Board Committee on Operations, which is authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Trustees between regular meetings of the board. On that day, the Committee met by conference call and authorized staff to proceed with an offer to acquire real property and engage in negotiations on that offer, within certain parameters, which had been discussed at the meeting that day.

BACKGROUND

The State Bar's Southern California operations are currently housed in Los Angeles, in leased space that is due to expire in January 2014, and the Bar, through its Real Property Advisory Subcommittee, had been actively exploring options for relocation. Several properties had been studied and narrowed to one most suitable, but the owner was about to take action with respect to portions of the property which would have made it not suitable. For this reason, the State Bar needed to act quickly, and so held a meeting of the Board Committee on Operations on August 15, 2012, to provide the State Bar staff and designated agents, with the Board's authorization to communicate the Bar's serious interest in acquiring the property in question.

CONCLUSION

At the meeting, the Board Committee went into Closed Session, per State Bar Rule 6.55 (A) (3), to confer regarding the negotiation/purchase/sale of real property, and discussed the various options before them. The members were presented with a proposed resolution which, acting on behalf of the Board, they passed in that session. Because the Board of Trustees cannot go into Closed Session to discuss Real Property, this report of action is presented to you in Open Session, without the actual closed

session resolution included. A copy of the resolution can be found on the Board of Trustees website for the Board Committee on Operations meeting August 15, 2012, Closed Session.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2012, the Board Committee on Operations, acting on behalf of the Board of Governors between regular meetings, adopted a resolution authorizing State Bar staff to proceed with the purchase of real property in Los Angeles, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors hereby ratifies the action taken by the Board Committee on Operations, on behalf of the Board between meetings.