



From: Broadcasting Board of Governors

Date: August 21, 2013

Subject: **Transcript of BBG Closed Meeting at 9:15 A.M. EDT on August 21, 2013**

On August 21, the members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) met in a closed session to consider the appointment of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

The meeting was attended by the following participants at BBG headquarters in Washington, D.C.:

Chairman Jeffrey Shell
Governor Matthew Armstrong
Governor Ryan Crocker
Governor Susan McCue
Governor Michael Meehan (via telephone)
Richard Lobo, Director of the International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB)
Paul Kollmer-Dorsey, Deputy General Counsel and Board Secretary
Suzie Carroll, Executive Director
Douglas Schuette, Executive Assistant to the IBB Director
Dan Sreebny, Senior Advisor for BBG, Office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy & Public Affairs

SHELL: Let me call the closed meeting to order. This is a closed meeting of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, subject to the requirements of the Government in the Sunshine Act. The meeting will be recorded and a transcript prepared in accordance with the BBG By-Laws.

Under the BBG By-Laws, the IBB Director shall select a Chief Financial Officer, subject to the approval of the Board. IBB Director Lobo, please briefly describe the selection process.

LOBO: Our past CFO left the agency last winter. She was offered a position at the Department of Commerce with NOAA, and we started a search immediately upon hearing she was about to leave. That search took a couple of months. We found a candidate, a suitable candidate, after some interviews, and we offered the position to that person.

At the 11th hour, after we had announced her appointment, her employers at Department of Commerce decided to up the ante, and she stayed over there. They did not want to lose her. So, we opened the search again. Another couple of months transpired. A panel, comprised of Kelley Sullivan of MBN, who is their Chief Financial Officer over there, David Ensor of VOA, Jeff Trimble and myself, interviewed five finalists. We had several dozen applicants. We interviewed them each for one hour, and we unanimously chose Leslie Hyland as the one that

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would fit the bill and would work best for us. She was subsequently interviewed briefly by Michael Meehan and Victor Ashe, and they agreed with our recommendation. So, she was offered the position on the condition that the Board had to vote on her because the By-Laws state that the Board has to approve this position after the IBB Director makes the choice, and that's what we're about here today.

Leslie has been in the job close to a month now. She is an outstanding person. She has a wonderful career, both in public service and private sector. She has worked in various government agencies, has worked at several key posts around the world. Her husband happens to be a career Foreign Service Officer, and they've had wide and deep experience in government, and she is proving to be an excellent hire. So, I recommend strongly that the Board approve her.

SHELL: Anybody have any comments? Michael, do you have any comments?

MEEHAN: No. I move that we approve her.

SHELL: Is there a second?

ARMSTRONG: Second.

SHELL: Matt seconds. All those in favor, please say "aye."

ALL: Aye.

SHELL: Any opposed? Nope. Many thanks to IBB Director Dick Lobo and Governor Meehan for their work on the appointment of CFO Leslie Hyland. Anybody wish to adjourn the meeting? I propose we adjourn the meeting. Any seconds?

ARMSTRONG: Second.

SHELL: All those in favor? Aye?

ALL: Aye.

SHELL: Any opposed? The meeting is adjourned.