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**FY27 APOC / OAH Hearing  
Officer Discussion**



# MEMORANDUM

## State of Alaska Department of Law

TO: Mike Dunleavy  
Governor

DATE: April 28, 2025

Treg Taylor  
Attorney General

FILE NO.: 2022103725

Joan Wilson  
Chief Administrative Law Judge  
Office of Administrative Hearings

TEL. NO.: 907-269-6612

FROM: Cori Mills  
Deputy Attorney General

SUBJECT: Hearing officers for  
Alaska Public Offices  
Commission

The Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) needs an attorney who has been admitted to practice law for at least two years to serve as a hearing officer for its adjudications.<sup>1</sup> The governor must explicitly assign an attorney to this position.<sup>2</sup> Additionally, the procurement code requires that the attorney general and the chief administrative law judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) approve the appointment of an outside hearing officer.<sup>3</sup> In the past, one or more of the APOC commissioners was also an attorney and served in this role.<sup>4</sup>

But there are currently no qualified attorneys on the Commission, so another person needs to be appointed. John Ptacin, an attorney with Sedor Wendlandt Evans & Filippi, has been serving as the hearing officer for APOC since June 2023, and he previously advised and represented APOC when he was an assistant attorney general. Given his experience, we recommend his continued appointment as a hearing officer for matters that require a hearing until there is once again a commissioner qualified to serve in this role. To ensure APOC has a hearing officer for expedited cases, we also recommend that another qualified attorney in his firm, Daniel Bellerive, be appointed in case Mr. Ptacin is unavailable. They have agreed to charge no higher than OAH's rate for these services.

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<sup>1</sup> AS 44.62.350(c).

<sup>2</sup> AS 44.62.350(a); *APOC v. Not Tammie*, 482 P.3d 386, 388–89 (Alaska 2021).

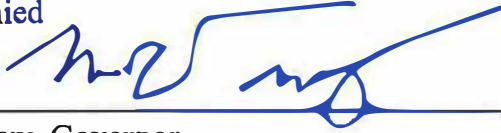
<sup>3</sup> AS 36.30.015(d).

<sup>4</sup> AS 15.13.020; *Not Tammie*, 482 P.3d at 387–89.

**Recommendation:** Appoint John Ptacin and Daniel Bellerive as hearing officers for APOC until June 1, 2026, or the Commission has a member who is a qualified attorney appointed to serve as a hearing officer, whichever occurs first.

Approved

Denied



6/2/25

Mike Dunleavy, Governor

Date

Approved

Denied



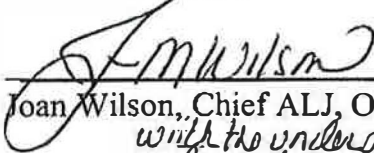
May 30, 2025

Treg Taylor, Attorney General

Date

Approved

Denied



5/29/25

Joan Wilson, Chief ALJ, OAH

Date

*with the understanding that OAH looks forward to the return of this docket in FY27*

## Hebdon, Heather R (DOA)

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**From:** Hickey, Gene F (LAW)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 8, 2026 8:44 AM  
**To:** Hebdon, Heather R (DOA)  
**Cc:** Stillie, Richard A (DOA)  
**Subject:** Hearing Officer Charges 2024-2026

Heather:

Please see the below breakdown of costs associated with the hearing officer invoices paid by the Department of Law for fiscal years 24, 25 and 26 year to date for the Commission. I am providing this information so you can include it in the packet for the Commissioners concerning how to proceed on moving forward with a new hearing officer contract, whether it be through OAH or outside counsel. If you or the Commissioners have any questions on this summary please let me know.

PROCESS DATE	EXPENDITURES	Amount
9/22/2023	Jul 2023 Inv 59891	765.00
9/28/2023	Aug 2023 Inv 60183	159.60
9/28/2023	Aug 2023 Inv 60184	552.50
10/13/2023	Sep 2023 Inv 60489	1,755.60
10/13/2023	Sep 2023 Inv 60490	425.00
11/29/2026	Oct 2023 Inv 60814	136.80
11/29/2023	Oct 2023 Inv 60815	212.50
11/21/2023	Jun 2023 Inv 59587	3,351.60
1/4/2023	Dec 2023 Inv 61442	1,596.00
2/16/2024	Jan 2024 Inv 61758	85.00
4/2/2024	Feb 2024 Inv 62084	85.00
4/2/2024	Nov 2023 Inv 61124	2,371.20
4/2/2024	Feb 2024 Inv 62083	1,938.00
5/24/2024	Apr 2024 Inv 62763	85.00
6/13/2024	May 2024 Inv 63117	136.80
7/3/2024	Jun 2024 Inv 63470	410.40
7/3/2024	Jun 2024 Inv 63471 - FINAL FY24 INV	85.00
<b>FY2024 Total Expenditures</b>		<b>14,151.00</b>

PROCESS DATE	EXPENDITURES	Amount
9/16/2024	Jul 2024 Inv 63797	127.50
10/14/2024	Aug 2024 Inv 64106	1,618.80
11/6/2024	Oct 2024 Inv 64786	1,368.00
1/14/2025	Dec 2024 Inv 65503	456.00
4/3/2025	Jan 2025 Inv 65870	2,097.60
6/16/2025	May 2025 Inv 67381	501.60
7/15/2025	Jun 2025 Inv 67757 - FINAL FY25 INV	1,459.20
<b>F2025 Total Expenditures</b>		<b>7,628.70</b>

PROCESS DATE	EXPENDITURES	Amount

09/24/25	Aug 2025 Inv 68485	45.60
10/09/25	Sep 2025 Inv 68821	1,482.00
2/9/2026	Dec 2025 Inv 70061	45.6
4/10/2026	Jan 2026 Inv 70679	2,029.20
	Feb 2026 Inv 70680 - Pndg Approval	765.00
	Mar 2026 Inv 71249 - Pndg Approval	2,029.20
	<b>CURRENT YEAR EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>6,396.60</b>

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