

# *Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission*

## **Meeting Minutes**

*Tuesday, January 22, 2009*

*Arkansas Real Estate Commission Conference Room*

*1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

Type of Meeting: Quarterly Meeting

Chairperson: Bill B. Lefler

Commission Members Present:

Gen. (Ret.) Bill B. Lefler, DDS, FACP, Chairman

Omar Atiq, M.D.

John Selig

John Ahlen, PhD

Andrew Kumpuris, MD

Paul Halverson, DrPH

Anthony Fletcher, MD

Karen Wheeler, Ph.D. (designee for James Purcell, Ed.D.)

Staff Present:

Aaron Black

Karen Elrod

Invited Guests:

Dr. Vivian Flowers, MHI

Dr. Robin McAtee, AAI

Dr. Claudia Beverly, COA

Dr. Becky Hall, Delta AHEC

Barbara Pauly, TPCP

Leslie Humphries, ABI

Dr. Bobby McGehee, ABI

Dr. Carolyn Dresler, TPCP

Dr. Katherine Stewart, COPH

Joyce Dees, Governors Office

### **I. Call to order**

**General Lefler**

Meeting called to order at 1:40 p.m.

### **II. Special Announcement**

**General Lefler**

The Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission introduced a resolution endorsing Governor Mike Beebe's tobacco tax increase proposal.

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

**General Lefler**

Commissioners reviewed minutes from the October 22, 2008 meeting.

General Lefler entertained a motion to vote to approve the minutes.

Motion to Approve: Paul Halverson

Seconded by: Anthony Fletcher

Motion passed unanimously

**IV. Financial Update**

**Aaron Black**

**ATSC Financial Report**

The current Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission financial information was included in the packets.

General Lefler entertained a motion to vote to approve the financial report.

Motion to Approve: Omar Atiq

Seconded by: John Ahlen

Motion passed unanimously

**V. ATSC Bylaws**

**Aaron Black**

The Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission bylaws were discussed.

General Lefler entertained a motion to vote to approve the ATSC bylaws with technical changes.

Motion to Approve: Karen Wheeler

Seconded by: Omar Atiq

Motion passed unanimously

**VI. Legislative Update**

**Aaron Black**

Aaron Black Updated the commission on the current legislative session

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**VII. MSA - Attorney General Discussions**

**Aaron Black**

The MSA lawsuits were discussed.

**VII. Meeting Adjournment**

**General Lefler**

General Lefler entertained a motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Omar Atiq

Seconded by: Paul Halverson

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned