
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: NAGB: 1) MEETING DATE FOR THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS, DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY AND 2) TRUBY ON LETTER TO PAIGE
DATE 5/15/01
CC: FILE

Jim Carlson, NAGB Staff member assigned to your NAGB Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology, e-mailed today with 2 potential dates for your committee to meet prior to the June 28 meeting. The dates are Wednesday, June 13 (preferred date), and Friday, June 8. You have conflicts with both.

You will be in Atlanta, along with Mark Musick, for the SREB Board Meeting the afternoon of Monday, June 11, through lunch on Wednesday, June 13.

You are scheduled to be in New York City on Friday, June 8, for the Mississippi Picnic. Your calendar does not reflect any specific commitments in New York City for that day, but Lisa said that you have economic development meetings set up for that day.

Jim asked for a response as to your availability on these two dates. I have emailed him and explained that you will be at SREB on the 13th and that you are scheduled to be in New York City on the 8th. I will let you know as soon as a definitive meeting date is set.

Roy Truby also called today. He said that he has been looking at the appointment letters and that he thinks this is a matter to take up with Congress in the reauthorization bill and, specifically, Congressman Mike Castle (former NAGB member). He said that although the end result has been Nageak and your's four-year appointment, he is concerned as to the implication that the Secretary can revoke an appointment, i.e, the term of office v. will and pleasure appointments. He said that Secretary Paige expressed to him in private conversations that he was very embarrassed and that things were happening above his grade, specifically by Margaret Lamontaine, a White House aide. Truby said that NAGB certainly wouldn't have any objection to your writing a letter. He mentioned that Nageak had actually received a letter rescinding his appointment. I told Truby that you had received such a letter on February 28 from William Haubert, Assistant General Counsel at USDE. He did not have a copy of that letter, so I faxed him a copy.

I'll have a draft letter to Paige to you for your review tomorrow.