IN THE MATTER OF THE ARBITRATION OF

STEVE GOLDSCHMIDT

and

PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

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DEPOSITION OF MICHAEL HOWARD DON
Taken on Behalf of Steve Goldschmidt

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6 Q. And in any of those subsequent conversations, did	
7 the two of you discuss the needs in human resources?	
8 A. Yes.	
9 Q. And what do you recall was discussed of substance	"
10 in those conversations?	•
11 A. Vicki said that there needed to be a change, she	•
12 thought, in some of the leadership positions in human	
13 resources.	
14 Q. And are we still talking mid-December?	
15 A. In the time frame of mid-December to	
16 mid-January	
17 Q. Okay.	
18 A when I started.	ļ
19 Q. Did she identify which leadership positions she was	
20 referring to?	
21 A. She did.	
22 Q. And which ones were they?	
23 A. Mr. Goldschmidt, and and	
24 Q. And did she say why there needed to be a change in	
25 those leadership positions as it would pertain to those	
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1 individuals?	
2 A. Generally, it was performance issues.	
3 Q. And what did she say about Mr. Goldschmidt's	
4 performance?	
5 A. I don't recall specifics.	
6 Q. When she said that there needed to be a change in	<b>\</b>
7 the leadership, did she tell you that she wanted your	
8 assistance in terms of finding replacements for these	
9 individuals?	
10 A. No.	
11 Q. What change did she indicate needed to be made?	
12 A. My recollection was that she thought that they	!
13 needed to be severed from employment.	
14 Q. Did she tell you why more specifically than just	
15 relating to, quote unquote, performance?	
16 A. Not that I recall specifically in those meetings.	
17 Q. Did you ask why she felt that way?	
18 A. I don't recall.	
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_	<ol> <li>Q. Were any new and different ways of dealing with</li> </ol>
	2 customers installed in human resources after you came on
	3 board between mid-January and the time that he was
	4 terminated February 9th or
	5 A. I don't recall.
	6 Q. Okay. You wanted to do customer service training
·	7 in the central office?
	8 A. The Annenberg foundation report indicated that the
	9 central office needed to be perceived as more
	10 customer-service oriented.
	11 Q. Not just in human resources, but the whole central
•	12 office; correct?
	13 A. Correct.
	14 Q. And so did Mr. Goldschmidt volunteer human
	15 resources to be the first department to be trained?
	16 A. Yes, he did.
	17 Q. Did you view that as a good thing?
	18 A. Yes.
	19 Q. Was there any survey of customer service conducted
	20 in the month of February, to your knowledge, that was
	21 taken concerning human resources?
	22 A. We implemented a survey system. I do not believe
	23 we did it in February.
: ;	24 Q. What survey system was implemented? What was it
·	25 called, first of all?
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Tuge 11	1 A. Zoomerang.
·	2 Q. And where do you get that from?
	3 A. It is an outside service provider that the District
	4 contracts for to do surveys.
	5 Q. And where are they located?
	6 A. I do not know.
	7 Q. And when did Zoomerang commence its survey, to your
11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	8 recollection?
8 Q. And do you recall what those issues were?	
9 A. I recall working on customer service issue - I	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
10 don't recall the others.	10 Q. And it conducted its survey not just with respect 11 to human resources but all central office departments?
11 Q. Okay. Did he cooperate with you on the customer	<u> </u>
12 service issues that you worked with him on?	12 A. That's correct.  13 Q. And how did human resources stack up against the
13 A. Yes.	
14 Q. And did he support your efforts?	14 other central office departments in the survey, to your
15 A. Yes.	15 recollection?
16 Q. Do you recall what efforts had already been	16 A. I do not specifically recall.
17 undertaken in human resources to improve customer service	17 Q. Were there any new or different policies or
18 by the time that you came on board in the next previous	18 procedures in human resources that were implemented from 19 the time of Mr. Goldschmidt's termination on February 9th
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20 A. I don't recall specifics that were done before I

22 Q. After you got there in mid-January, were any

23 installed between mid-January and February 9th, when he

19 year?

21 got there, no.

24 was terminated?

25 A. What's the question?

19 the time of Mr. Goldschmidt's termination on February 9th

22 Q. You didn't implement any yourself, did you?

23 A. Each of the departments was tasked with setting up

25 human resources department began implementing those before

24 their standards for customer service. I believe that the

20 to the time of the Zoomerang survey?

21 A. I don't recall.

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1 Mr. Goldschmidt's departure.

- 2 Q. Do you know of any other surveys besides the
- 3 Zoomerang survey that was done while you were there up
- 4 until April when you left?
- 5 A. I'm not aware of one.
- Do you recall how HR compared to finance on the 6 Q.
- 7 Zoomerang survey?
- 8 A. I don't recall.
- 9 Q. Were you the point person or contact person for the
- 10 Zoomerang survey for the School District? Or was that
- 11 somebody else that dealt with Zoomerang?
- 12 A. There was another group that I worked with that
- 13 worked directly with Zoomerang.
- 14 Q. And who was that?
- 15 A. I don't remember the woman's name. It was a
- 16 department that I think was within the measurement group,
- 17 test and measurement group, that had that relationship.
- 18 Q. And is Zoomerang the name of the consultant?
- 19 A. I believe it's the name of the company -
- 20 O. The company.
- and then takes on the name Zoomerang survey. 21 A.
- 22 Q. Did you also consult with Mr. Goldschmidt on the
- 23 subject of getting up to speed on the District policy
- 24 towards outsourcing District services?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Did he provide you with support to help get that
  - 2 position posted?
  - 3 A. Yes.
  - And did he work with you on the position of budget
  - 5 manager and the filling of that vacancy?
  - 6 A. Yes.
  - And did he make changes to the posting based upon 7 O.
  - 8 feedback from you and To Or do you recall?
  - Don't recall if he made changes. 9 A.
  - Did you meet with a at one time? 10 Q.
  - 11 A.
  - And how did that come about, that meeting? 12 Q.
  - MR. HARNDEN: Can we have just a moment, 13
  - 14 Steve -- Rich, whoever you are?
  - MR. BUSSE: My name is Rich. 15
  - (A discussion was held off the record.) 16
  - THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the 17
  - 18 question.
  - 19 BY MR. BUSSE:
  - 20 Q. No, I'm going to give you another one.
  - 21 A. Okay.
  - 22 Q. How did the meeting with come about, to
  - 23 your recollection? You met Let's go to the next
  - 24 question. You met with her. Was it just you and she in
  - 25 that meeting, or what?

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- 1 A. My reluctance in responding is I'm trying to be
- was the -- the meeting that I'm 2 sure that
- 3 thinking of related to a concern that she had, if I'm
- 4 talking about the right person.
- 5 Q. Oh, okay.
- That's my concern.
- 7 Q. All right. So someone came to you and expressed a
- 8 concern to you who was a human resources employee;
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And what concern was expressed?
- 12 A. She was concerned that she was not being treated
- 13 fairly in a traumatic situation she was in.
- 14 Q. And could you tell us briefly what that situation
- 15 related to so that we could have a way of fixing
- 16 independently of your testimony what this individual's
- 17 name is?
- 18 A. Yes. Her mother, I believe, had passed away, it
- 19 was her mother or her father, and she had some work-hour
- 20 issues with some bereavement and counseling that she was
- 21 trying to do.
- 22 Q. Did she identify for you who in human resources she
- 23 had spoken with before speaking with you?
- 24 A. Yes.
- And who was that? 25 Q.

- 1 Q. And did he cooperate with you in consulting with 2 you in that area?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Did he outline for you what procedures would need
- 5 to be followed to outsource services under each contract?
- 6 A. We discussed each contract and how we could explore 7 outsourcing.
- 8 Q. And were you satisfied with the support and the
- 9 cooperation you were getting from him on that issue?
- 10 A.
- Did you also discuss issues pertaining to reduction 11 O.
- 12 of healthcare costs in the School District?
- 13 A. I don't specifically recall.
- 14 Q. There was something about a cash basis for some
- 15 fringe benefit costs, health insurance?
- 16 A. I was having discussions at that time about that,
- 17 and I -- it would not have been unusual for me to have
- 18 them with Steve, I just don't remember the specific
- 19 conversations.
- Q. Do you recall him providing you with any data
- 21 necessary for your consideration?
- 22 A. I do not recall.
- 23 Q. Do you recall working with him on a communications
- 24 director position vacancy?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 A. She had spoken to 2 Q. And was that her supervisor?
3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And what did you do after speaking with her 5 concerning her concerns?

6 A. I asked her if she had spoken to supervisor, Mr. Goldschmidt.

8 O. And what did she say about that?

9 A. She said she was not comfortable going to

10 Mr. Goldschmidt.

11 Q. Did she say why?

12 A. She said that she did not feel that the department

13 was open to any kind of discussion at a higher level. She

14 felt there could be repercussions.

15 O. Did she share with you why she believed that? Was

16 there anything that happened in the past that she related

17 to you concerning repercussions?

18 A. She suggested that there was a kind of hostile

19 environment.

20 O. Did she say that, use that term?

21 A. My recollection is she did say that.

22 Q. Were you taking notes?

23 A. I was not.

24 Q. And so what was the next thing that you did after

25 this?

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I approached directly to discuss it with him.

2 O. And you outlined for him what she had told you.

3 A. Yes, I did.

4 Q. What was his response?

5 A. He was -- had a different perspective on the

6 situation and thought that she may have been asking for

7 more than related to the bereavement issue.

8 O. And do you recall anything that he said about that

9 different perspective?

10 A. He thought that she was breaking agreements that

11 they had about the hours that she would work even in light

12 of the adjustments for the bereavement issues.

13 Q. Was there anything else discussed in your meeting

14 with .................................?

15 A. I don't recall any other specifics.

16 Q. What was the next step in this process?

17 A. I - I suggested that attempt to work out a

18 solution with

19 Q. And did that happen?

20 A. I believe so.

21 O. Was there any contact that you had with either one

22 of them after that?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And what was that?

25 A. I would walk by the cubicle and just ask how are

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1 everything – how is everything going, stop and check

2 and --

3 O. His or hers?

4 A. Both.

5 Q. Both. And what did she say?

6 A. There -- she expressed there was no need for me to

7 be involved any further at that point.

8 O. And what did he say?

9 A. I believe he was monitoring the situation and,

10 again, he didn't feel there was any need for me to be

11 involved.

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12 Q. And did you have any contact with either of them,

13 other than that, afterwards?

4 A. I would have had other contact with about

15 other issues, but not about this issue.

16 Q. Anything having to do with Mr. Goldschmidt?

MR. HARNDEN: I guess I --

18 THE WITNESS: Could you define --

MR. HARNDEN: I object to the form of the

20 question. Are you asking whether he had other contact

21 with about Mr. Goldschmidt? I --

MR. BUSSE: That was the question.

23 BY MR. BUSSE:

24 Q. I'm trying to find out whether it related to other

25 day-to-day working issues or whether it had to do with

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1 Mr. Goldschmidt and his performance or --

2 A. I don't think it had anything to do with

3 Mr. Goldschmidt's performance.

4 Q. Did you ever report to Vicki Phillips anything

5 about the state issue?

6 A. Yes, I did.

7 O. And you told her just what you've testified to here

8 today?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And what did she say when you told her that?

1 A. Vicki had received the initial call from and

12 Vicki had forwarded it to me to handle and so I explained

13 to her what had happened, and I'm not aware of anything

14 else that she did with that.

15 Q. Okay. Did you also report back to her that you had

16 done follow-up with both employees, and

7 and they had reported -

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. - that you didn't have to continue your

20 involvement?

21 A. I don't know if I reported back to her after I did

22 the touch bases in. I reported the initial incident and

23 the follow-up, and that's all I recall.

14 Q. Okay. Was there a time when, to your knowledge,

25 she met with human resources employees with Board Member

1 Wynde?

- 2 A. Vicki had said at some point that she had met with
- 3 a group of HR employees prior to my joining the District.
- 4 Q. So that would have been before mid-January.
- 5 A. I believe so.
- 6 Q. Did she identify who these people were?
- 7 A. Not specifically.
- 8 Q. Did she tell you or relay to you what they said or
- 9 any of them?
- 10 A. Generally, that they were unhappy with how they
- 11 were being supervised and that they -- that's all I
- 12 recall.
- 13 Q. And did she say that they identified any particular
- 14 individual who were their supervisor?
- 15 A. My recollection was they mentioned and Steve.
- 16 Q. Did she say anything more particular that would
- 17 describe for you the way in which any of them were unhappy
- 18 about Steve's supervision?
- 19 A. Not that I recall specifically.
- 20 Q. Do you recall something about a vacation blackout
- 21 policy coming up in that meeting?
- 22 A. Not in that meeting -- or, not that was relayed to
- 23 me.
- 24 Q. Do you recall an issue pertaining a vacation
- 25 blackout policy coming up at any time prior to

1 A. No.

- 2 Q. Did she specify what she meant in the way that he
- 3 was dealing with employees outside his department?
- 4 A. Generally, she spoke about responsiveness issues to
- 5 those folks.
- 6 Q. Do you recall any more specific information that
- 7 she imparted to you than that?
- 8 A. I don't recall specifically.
- 9 Q. Did she give examples? "He didn't get back to Joe
- 10 for 30 days," or something like that?
- 11 A. She referred to Vicki getting calls, numerous calls
- 12 of people who were dissatisfied with how human resources
- 13 was responding to their needs and, in particular,
- 14 Mr. Goldschmidt.
- 15 O. Did she identify any of those individuals?
- 16 A. She mentioned a number of principals, but not by
- 17 name.
- 18 Q. Have you given me all of the information that you
- 19 have about his dealing with employees outside his
- 20 department?
- 21 MR. HARNDEN: Your question was what
- 22 Vicki Phillips had told him about that. Is that your
- 23 question?
- 24 MR. BUSSE: Yes.
- 25 MR. HARNDEN: Okay.

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- 1 Mr. Goldschmidt's termination, any conversation with Vicki
- 2 Phillips?
- 3 A. I don't recall that coming up in any conversation
- 4 with Vicki Phillips.
- 5 Q. When did you first discuss with Dr. Phillips
- 6 Mr. Goldschmidt's termination after you were first hired?
- 7 A. I don't recall specifically.
- 8 O. Was it within days?
- 9 A. I would say within the first week, yes.
- 10 O. And was it just the two of you, you and
- 11 Dr. Phillips?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And tell me the substance of that conversation,
- 14 please.
- 15 A. Vicki was not satisfied with Steve's performance
- 16 and wanted to make a change.
- 17 Q. Did she say what it was about his performance that
- 18 caused her to want to make that change?
- 19 A. She mentioned that she wasn't satisfied with his
- 20 ability to work with other people within the District and
- 21 was not satisfied with how he was supervising his own
- 22 department and how he was dealing with employees outside
- 23 of his department.
- 24 Q. Did she mention any of those employees' names, the
- 25 ones outside his department?

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  THE WITNESS: Vicki had also volunteered
- 2 that and and were not -- she was not satisfied
- 3 with their performance and was disappointed that Steve had
- 4 not taken adequate action to change that performance, as
- 5 well.
- 6 BY MR. BUSSE:
- 7 Q. Did she indicate that she had spoken to him about
- 8 that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Did she give you any particulars about that?
- 11 A. She mentioned that she had met with Steve with, I
- 12 believe, a Board member talking about that.
- 13 O. Did she say when that was?
- 14 A. It was prior to my joining the District, but I
- 15 couldn't specify when.
- 16 Q. Did she ask you to do anything to speak to him
- 17 concerning taking further action?
- 18 A. She did not ask me to speak to Steve about taking
- 19 further action.
- 20 Q. Was it apparent to you that her mind was already
- 21 made up and she wanted him gone?
- 22 MR. HARNDEN: Object to the form of the
- 23 question, calls for speculation.
- 24 But you can go ahead and answer.
- 25 THE WITNESS: I believe that she had made

GOLDSCHMIDT and SCHOOL DIST. NO. 1 Multi-Page™ 1 up her mind about the performance issues and wanting Steve 2 to be gone. 3 BY MR. BUSSE: 4 Q. On not satisfactorily supervising his own 5 department, did she mention anything in particular beyond 6 what you've already said? Nothing beyond the fact that she had had a number 8 of people continuing to come to her about the way in which 9 they were being managed. 10 O. No names? No, not specifically. No specific examples beyond what you've already matter? 13 related in terms of the Not that I recall. 14 A. And did you take any notes of this conversation? 15 O. 16 A. And wasn't satisfied with his ability to work with 17 Q. 18 other people. Did she give you any names of people that 19 she was referring to in making that statement? Not that I recall. 20 A. Did she ever mention PAT? 21 O. 22 A. Yes. Or Ann Nice? 23 Q. 24 A. I don't recall if she mentioned Ann Nice's name 25 specifically in relation to Steve's inability to work with Page 27 1 anybody. What did she say about the PAT? 2 Q. She had mentioned that PAT and Steve had an 3 A. 4 adversarial relationship.

- 5 Q. And so what did she want you to do, if anything,
- 6 about this?
- 7 MR, HARNDEN: About the adversarial
- 8 relationship --
- THE WITNESS: -- with PAT?
- 10 MR. BUSSE: No. I'm sorry, that's a bad
- 11 question.

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- 14 A. We discussed the fact that in Steve's job
  15 description a prominent point was his responsibility for
  16 the morale of the District and that from her description
  17 and from people that I had talked to, principals that I
  18 had talked to, that it seemed that the morale was being
  19 negatively affected by their work with the HR department.
  20 Q. And independent of any information she was
  21 imparting to you, who had you spoken with that was giving
  22 you that kind of information?
- A. I spoke with five principals that I can recall, and
   there were others, other individuals that I probably can't
- 25 recall names of, both principals and internally.

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Page 30 Page 32 And who were they? I affected, do you have a belief that that conversation JQ. 2 THE WITNESS: Can I look up names? 2 would have been after February 3rd, since it was after MR. HARNDEN: If you have the names, 3 3 February 3rd that you would have talked to the individuals 4 yeah. 4 who you named? THE WITNESS: I met with a 5 A. I don't recall the date. 6 BY MR. BUSSE: It may have even been before that time? 6 O. When? 7 Q. 7 A. It could have been, yes. 8 A. January 24th. Okay. And so you offered up that, from the job And what did tell you? 9 Q. 9 description, morale of the District was a part of that. She said that the - that her interactions with 10 A. 10 What was her response when you said that? 11 Steve and the HR department were - were negative. 11 A. I don't recall any specific response. Did she say what about it was negative? And what was the next step, then? Was there 12 Q. 13 A. Responsiveness and getting things done that she had 13 something else said in that conversation about what to do 14 requested. I don't really recall specifics. 14 about Mr. Goldschmidt? Did she say when it was that she had last had 15 A. I don't recall anything specifically in that 16 contact with Mr. Goldschmidt? 16 conversation. I know that, as we spoke earlier, Vicki had 17 A. I don't recall. 17 decided that a change needed to be made and she started 18 O. Okay. Next? 18 the process forward of making that change. What was your next contact with her or involvement 19 A. and 20 Q. **₽** c? 20 with the subject of his termination after the conversation 21 that you have just described in some detail? 21 A. I don't know. I wrote down in here i 22 Q. All right. What date? 22 A. I don't recall the specific next step, but we began 23 A. February 3rd. 23 the process of preparing some documentation to make that 24 Q. And the next one? I mean, you said two. 24 happen. 25 did you say? 25 Q. The termination documentation? Page 31 Page 33 1 A. Yes. And they were both on the same day, February 3rd? 2 O. Before that time, had you approached Ms. Julia 2 Q. Yes. 3 Brim-Edwards and other Board members with a proposed 3 A. And what did tell you? 4 0. 4 process whereby Dr. Phillips was going to order I don't recall specifics from either, but generally 5 Mr. Goldschmidt to terminate 6 the same theme of not responsive and not helpful. and and, if he refused, he 7 Q. Okay. And next? 7 would be terminated? I spoke with a , but I don't -- I'm not 8 A. No. was never a part of any 8 A. 9 finding the date. · 9 discussions about termination. 10 Q. And what did she say? 10 Q. Okay. Prior to his termination, did you approach 11 Julia Brim-Edwards and other Board members with 11 A Similar comments. 12 Dr. Phillips' plan to order Mr. Goldschmidt to terminate Did she say that she'd actually had contact or 13 attempted contact with Mr. Goldschmidt himself? and, if he refused, and I 14 A. I don't recall. 14 he would be terminated? 15 Q. How about the other two? Did he say MR. HARNDEN: I'm going to object to the 16 that he had contact with Mr. Goldschmidt, as opposed to 16 form of the question. It assumes facts not in evidence, 17 someone on his staff? 17 and I believe it specifically --18 A. I recall my impression being that it was with 18 BY MR. BUSSE: 19 Mr. Goldschmidt as well as the HR department. I do not 19 O. Go ahead. 20 have specific recollection of them saying Mr. Goldschmidt. 20 MR. BUSSE: No speaking objections, 21 Q. Okay. And any other after 21 Counsel. You've stated your objection. 22 A. Not that I can identify at this moment. 22 MR. HARNDEN: Okay, then I object to the From your previous testimony that you gave, a 23 use of the term "plan" as being vague. 24 response that from the people that you talked to and 24 Go ahead and answer, if you can. 25 looking at his job description morale is negatively 25 MR. BUSSE: Well, no speaking objections.

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1 You know better.

2 THE WITNESS: Vicki Phillips asked me to

3 contact Julia and let her know that we were going to

4 terminate those individuals.

5 BY MR. BUSSE:

6 Q. Which ones?

7 A. Steve and and and

8 Q. Was that on the date of his termination,

9 February 9th?

10 A. No. That was prior to it.

11 Q. How long prior?

12 A. I don't recall.

13 Q. Let me go back to my former question. Did you call

14 Ms. Brim-Edwards at any time and tell her that Vicki

15 Phillips was going to order Mr. Goldschmidt to terminate

and and and if he refused, he

17 would be terminated?

18 A. I spoke with Julia about the general plan to make

19 the separation occur. One possible way in which that was

20 going to happen was either Vicki was going to ask Steve to

21 terminate those two or, as it ended up, Vicki just did all

22 three.

23 Q. When was it that you spoke with Julia and said that

24 Vicki was going to ask Steve to terminate those two?

25 A. I don't recall specific dates.

1 all three?

2 A. There wasn't a change, because we had discussed

3 different ways of doing -- getting to the same end, and

4 the way in which it occurred was the only decision that I

5 was aware that Vicki had made.

6 Q. When did you become aware that, of the ways, she

7 had selected the way it ultimately occurred? Where in

8 that one-to-three --

9 A. I don't recall specific dates.

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I Q. Do you recall if that was a day before or a week

2 before? Without reference to a specific date, can you

3 give me your best estimate as to when that conversation

4 occurred?

5 A. My best estimate would be one to three weeks

6 before.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. Possibly one to two weeks.

9 Q. Did you outline that plan to any other Board

10 member?

11 A. I believe so.

12 Q. Which others?

13 A. I believe I relayed it to David Wynde.

14 Q. About the same time as to Ms. Brim-Edwards?

15 A. I believe so.

16 Q. Any others?

17 A. I don't recall.

18 Q. Did you get any resistance from any Board member?

19 A. Resistance to what?

20 Q. The proposal to terminate Mr. Goldschmidt,

21 A. No, not that I recall.

22 Q. Or to the manner in which it was outlined?

23 A. No, I don't recall any resistance.

24 Q. At some point in time, was there a change or a

25 decision made by Dr. Phillips to move to just terminating

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