

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
HELD MARCH 11, 2016

Call to Order

Upon notice with agenda being properly posted at the Commission office at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the commencement of the meeting and notice being filed at least 48 hours in advance with the Office of the Secretary of State, a regular meeting of the Ethics Commission of the State of Oklahoma ["Commission"] was called to order on Friday, March 11, 2016, at 10:03 a.m. Chair Cathy Stocker, ["Stocker"] opened the meeting, which was held in Room 206, State Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Determination of Quorum

Roll was called to determine the existence of a quorum for the transaction of business. Commissioners answering present were: Karen Long ["Long"], Jo Pettigrew ["Pettigrew"], John Hawkins ["Hawkins"], and Stocker. A quorum of members was declared.

Staff & Visitors

Commission staff members present at all or part of the meeting were Lee Slater ["Slater"], Stephanie Black ["Black"], Roberta Hale ["Hale"] and Darci McKee ["McKee"].

Observing all or part of the meeting: Shawn Ashley, ECapitol News; Caroline Dennis, Senate staff; Samantha Davidson, Senate staff; and Glenn Coffee, Attorney.

Introductions and Announcements

Deputy Director Kemp is not in attendance today. She is on the development and planning committee for the COGEL conference.

In addition, General Counsel Long is not in attendance today.

Acknowledgement of the resignation of Commissioner Tom Walker.

Chair Stocker received an email from Commissioner Walker indicating that he was resigning.

Director Slater mentioned he met with the Chief Justice to receive a formal copy of the resignation letter. The Chief Justice will begin the work to appoint a replacement for the position.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on minutes for regular meeting and executive session held February 12, 2016.

Pettigrew moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting and executive session minutes as presented held on February 12, 2016.

Hawkins seconded.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Pettigrew – yes, Hawkins – yes, Long – yes, Stocker – yes.

Motion carried.

Discussion of Agency Expenditures for the month of February 1, 2016, through February 29, 2016.

No discussion.

Request by James McSpadden, McSpadden & Associates, LLC, to address the Commission regarding notices of late filing by lobbyists.

Director Slater mentioned that Mr. McSpadden was notified that he was on the agenda for today's meeting. Mr. McSpadden was not in attendance. No discussion was held.

Request for Advisory Opinion.

Director Slater provided an explanation of the Advisory Opinion request.

Commissioner Long made the following motion: I move to direct the Executive Director to schedule and provide notice of a hearing on Advisory Opinion Request 16-01, to prepare draft advisory opinions for consideration by the Commission, and to accept comments on the request and draft opinions consistent with Ethics Rule. 1.7.

Hawkins seconded.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Long – yes, Hawkins – yes, Pettigrew – yes, Stocker – yes.

Motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

Report was provided by Slater.

General Counsel's Report

Report was provided by Slater on behalf of Geoffrey Long.

Consideration, Discussion and Proposed Action on Closed/Executive Session

Statement by Attorney is listed as Agenda Item 11 (a).

Long moved to go into Closed/Executive session.
Pettigrew seconded.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Long – yes, Pettigrew – yes, Hawkins – yes, Stocker – yes.

Motion carried to go into Executive/Closed session at 10:38 a.m.

Executive session was held in the Conference Room located within the Ethics Commission office in the Capitol basement, Rm. B-5.

Possible Action to Return to Open Session

Long moved to reconvene in open session at 12:18 p.m.

Pettigrew seconded.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Long – yes, Pettigrew – yes, Hawkins – yes, Stocker – yes.

Motion carried.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on items considered in executive session.

Long made the following motion:

Madam Chair: As to Compliant 2016-01, I move to authorize the Executive Director to proceed under Rule 6.10 as discussed in Executive Session.

Hawkins seconded.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Long – yes, Hawkins – yes, Pettigrew – yes, Stocker – yes.

Motion carried.

Long made the following motion:

Madam Chair: As to C-16-02, I move to dismiss the Complaint.

Hawkins seconded.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Long – yes, Hawkins – yes, Pettigrew – yes, Stocker – yes.

Motion carried. C-16-02 is dismissed.

New Business

No new business.

Adjournment

Long moved to adjourn. Hawkins seconded. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Long – yes, Hawkins – yes, Pettigrew – yes, Stocker – yes.

Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 12:21p.m.



LEE SLATER, Executive Director

Approved on Behalf of the Commission:



CATHY STOCKER, Chair