

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING  
OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
HELD MAY 13, 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 and public hearing of the Ethics Commission of the State of Oklahoma ["Commission"] was called to order on Friday, MAY 13, 2016, at 10:04 a.m. Chair Cathy Stocker, ["Stocker"] opened the meeting, which was held in Room 432A, 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"], and Chair Cathy 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"], Ashley Kemp ["Kemp"], Geoffrey Long and Darci McKee ["McKee"].

Observing all or part of the meeting: Shawn Ashley, ECapitol News; Cheryl Baber, Political Party Committee; Pam Pollard, Chari Oklahoma Republican Party; Denise Lawson, Attorney; Caroline Dennis, Senate staff.

Introductions and Announcements

Slater provided an introduction of Pam Pollard, Chair of the Oklahoma Republican Party and made another brief announcement.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on minutes for regular meeting and executive session held April 8, 2016.

Long moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting and executive session minutes as presented held on April 8, 2016.

Pettigrew seconded.

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

**Motion carried.**

Discussion of Agency Expenditures for April 1, 2016, through April 30, 2016.

Pettigrew made general comments on budget cuts and how well the staff is adjusting despite the cuts.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on request for waiver of Ethics Rule 5, Lobbyist Registration and Reporting, based upon pre-existing relationship pursuant to Rule 5.25.

Geoffrey Long reviewed and discussed waiver due to pre-existing relationship.

Request for Waiver of Rules for Pre-existing relationship.

W-16-02, Request by Mr. Curt McMurphy ["McMurphy"] for a waiver of rules for pre-existing relationship with Mr. Mark VanLandingham ["VanLandingham"].

Commissioner Long commented she appreciates the explanation & appreciates that the rule provides the opportunity to address these situations.

Commissioner Long made the following motion: I move that the Commission approve waiver request 2016-02 between Curt McMurphy, a state employee and Mark VanLandingham, a registered Legislative/Executive Lobbyist, pursuant to Rule 5.25 and find that the rules will not be impeded or hindered by granting the waiver.

Pettigrew seconded.

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

**Motion carried.**

Hearing on Advisory Opinion AOR 16-01

General Counsel Long reviewed and discussed Advisory Opinion Request 16-01 and gave explanation of draft opinions A and B.

Chair Stocker thanked General Counsel Long for his time spent drafting two versions of the opinion.

Public Comment by Pam Pollard.

Commissioner Long commented on appreciating Pollards background and perspective, also asked questions to Pollard.

Pettigrew thanked Pollard on clear presentation of AO and commented on her presentation.

Public Comment by Cheryl Baber.

Slater commented on AO request and noted the complexity of the issues that the Commission is going to have to deal with as the dynamics of political campaigning change and have changed.

Possible action on Advisory Opinion AOR 16-01

No Action. Recommend to add an additional hearing to the June Agenda.

Executive Director's Report

Report was provided by Slater on the legislative report and filing period.

Report was provided by Kemp on the software update.

General Counsel's Report

Report was provided by Geoffrey Long.

Consideration, Discussion and Possible Action on Closed/Executive Session

Statement by Attorney is listed as Agenda Item 10(a).

Long moved to go into Closed/Executive session.

Pettigrew seconded.

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

**Motion carried to go into Executive/Closed session at 11:24 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

Pettigrew moved to reconvene in open session at 12:37 p.m.

Long seconded.

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

Adjournment

Pettigrew moved to adjourn.

Long seconded.

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

**Motion carried.**

Meeting ended at 12:38 p.m.

  
ASHLEY KEMP, Executive Director

Approved on Behalf of the Commission:

  
CATHY STOCKER, Chair