

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING  
OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
HELD JUNE 10, 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, June 10, 2016 , at 10:01 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"], John Hawkins ["Hawkins"], and Chair Cathy Stocker. A quorum of members was declared.

[Commissioner Jo Pettigrew entered the meeting at approximately 10:12 a.m.]

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: Jim Dunlap, lobbyist; Zack Lee, lobbyist ; Shawn Ashley, ECapitol News; Sharon Caldwell, CMA Strategies; Pam Pollard, Oklahoma Republican Party; Caroline Dennis, Senate staff; Sarah Baker, Oklahoma Democratic Party; Samantha Davidson, Senate staff, Glenn Coffee, Attorney ; Anna Coffee, student; H.J. Reed, lobbyist.

Introductions and Announcements

Slater provided an introduction of former Representative , former State Senator and current distinguished contract lobbyist, Jim Dunlap. Touched on Continuing Education programs provided the past year.

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

No Motion.. The May 13, 2016 minutes will be considered at the July 8, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Discussion of Agency Expenditures for May 1, 2016 through May 31, 2016.

No Discussion.

Hearing on Advisory Opinion AOR 16-01

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

Commissioner Hawkins questioned AO differences and General Counsel Long responded.

Public Comment by Pam Pollard, Sharon Caldwell, and Sarah Baker.

Slater commented to have a formal process and not rush the AO decision.

Commissioner Long responded to AO.

Possible action on Advisory Opinion AOR 16-01

No Action. Proposed to postpone decision and continue review. Recommend to add an additional hearing to the July Agenda.

Executive Director's Report

Report was provided by Slater on the legislative report, will fill the third compliance officer position, and 2016 Rule Amendments were accepted. Planned schedule for fees, orders and arrangements.

Report was provided by Kemp on the software update.

Lee Slater reflects on retirement.

Consideration and possible Action on Resolution 2016-1 Recognizing the exemplary service of R. Lee Slater as Executive Director of the Oklahoma Ethics Commission and wishing him well in his future endeavors.

Chair Stocker read Resolution 2016-01 as follows :

RESOLUTION 2016-1

A Resolution recognizing the exemplary service of Richard Lee Slater as Executive Director of the Oklahoma Ethics Commission and wishing him well in his future endeavors.

WHEREAS, Lee Slater began his professional career as an award winning news reporter and editor for newspapers in Clinton, Mangum, Edmond and Tulsa; and

WHEREAS, Lee Slater continued his professional career

in service to the State of Oklahoma as the Secretary of the Oklahoma State Senate and Secretary of the State Election Board, where he served with distinction for eighteen (18) years; and

WHEREAS, Lee Slater endeavored to continue his education while serving the state and graduated with a bachelor of business administration from the University of Oklahoma, followed by a master of business administration from the University of Central Oklahoma, and a juris doctor from the Oklahoma City School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Lee Slater left state service to engage in the practice of law focusing on campaign finance law, election law, and constitutional law for twenty-five (25) years, utilizing his characteristic insight and intellect in representing his clients honorably and with the greatest integrity; and

WHEREAS, Lee Slater returned to state service in February of 2013 as Executive Director to the Oklahoma Ethics Commission; and

WHEREAS, Lee Slater painstakingly coordinated numerous informal meetings throughout the state to gather comments, criticisms and invaluable opinions from the regulated community to assist the Commission in identifying the philosophical underpinnings that would form the basis for the revision to the Ethics Rules; and

WHEREAS, Lee Slater endeavored to provide clearly written and thoroughly analyzed proposals for new Rules while maintaining his self-imposed and highly ambitious timeline to ensure the Rule proposals were presented to the Commissioners with time to review, discuss, debate, modify, and ultimately promulgate new Rules; and

WHEREAS, Lee Slater implemented policies and procedures which recognize voluntary compliance is more effective than coercive enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Lee Slater has revolutionized an agency during his short, but remarkable, time at the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Lee Slater has determined that it is time to

retire and leave state service-again; and

WHEREAS, Lee Slater will be sorely missed by the Commissioners, staff and community served by the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKLAHOMA ETHICS COMMISSION:

THAT the Oklahoma Ethics Commission bids farewell to a true leader and dear friend and wishes him well as he embarks on yet another adventure in life.

Commissioner Pettigrew made the following motion: To approve Resolution 2016-1.

Hawkins seconded.

Commissioner Long, Pettigrew, Vice-Chair Hawkins & Chair Stocker reflect and give well wishes.

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

Motion carried.

Ashley Kemp reviewed and discussed schedule for registration and administration fees.

Commission Long made the following motion: I move that we approve the revised schedule for registration and administration fees for legislative liaisons, legislative lobbyists, executive lobbyists, lobbyist principals, political party committees, political action committees and candidate committees effective July 1, 2016 as recommended by Kemp.

Hawkins seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on schedule for registration and administration fees for legislative liaisons, legislative lobbyists, executive lobbyists, lobbyist principals, political party committees, political action committees and candidate committees effective July 1, 2016.

General Counsel's Report

Nothing to be reported.

Consideration, Discussion and Possible Action on

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

Closed/Executive Session

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 11:33 a.m.**

**Executive session was held in the Conference Room located within the Ethics Commission office in the Capitol basement, Rm. 8-5.**

Possible Action to Return to Open Session

Long moved to reconvene in open session at 12:24 p.m.

Hawkins seconded.

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

**Motion carried.**

New Business

Hawkins showed pictures of Thomas S Walker and Rep. Gary W. Banz.

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 12:26 p.m.

  
Ashley Kemp, Executive Director

Approved on Behalf of the Commission:

  
CATHY STOCKER, Chair