

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
HELD AUGUST 12, 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, August 12, 2016, at 10:04 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: Chair Cathy Stocker, Vice Chair John Hawkins ["Hawkins"], Jo Pettigrew ["Pettigrew"], Karen Long ["Long"], and Holly Easterling ["Easterling"]. A quorum of members was declared.
Staff & Visitors	Commission staff members present at all or part of the meeting were Ashley Kemp ["Kemp"], Geoffrey Long, Stephanie Black ["Black"], Darci McKee ["McKee"], and Bobbi Moore ["Moore"]. Observing all or part of the meeting: Denise Lawson, Attorney; Shawn Ashley, ECapitol News; Pam Pollard, Oklahoma Republican Party; Samantha Davidson, Senate staff; Joel Dean, JRLR; Lindsey Messer, Senate Staff; Trevor Brown, Oklahoma Watch; Cheryl Purvis, Senate staff.
Introductions and Announcements	Kemp announces new Hall of Famer, Jo Pettigrew inducted into Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame. Chief Justice Reief appointed Holly Easterling as Commissioner of the Ethics Commission. Introduced the new Ethics Commission Compliance Officer, Bobbi Moore. Stephanie Black is now full-time.
Administration of the oath of office to Commissioner Easterling.	Chief Justice Reief administered the oath of office to Easterling, and pictures were taken by the Capitol photographer.

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Consideration, discussion and possible action on minutes for regular meeting and public hearing and executive sessions held May 13, 2016 and June 10, 2016.

Pettigrew moved to approve the regular meeting, public hearing and executive session minutes as presented, held May 13, 2016 and June 10, 2016.

Hawkins seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Discussion of agency expenditures for June 1-June 30, 2016 and July 1-31, 2016.

No discussion.

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

Geoffrey Long reviewed waiver due to pre-existing relationship.

Request for waiver of Rules for pre-existing relationship.

W-16-03, Request by Ms. Lindsay Messer for a waiver of Rules for pre-existing relationship with Ms. Samantha Davidson. Lindsay Messer and Samantha Davidson appeared and discussed their relationship.

Commissioner Hawkins made the following motion: I move to grant waiver request W-16-03 for the pre-existing relationship between Ms. Lindsay Messer and Ms. Samantha Davidson based on the finding of the purpose of the Ethics Rules will not be impeded or hindered by the waiver.

Easterling seconded.

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

Hearing on Advisory Opinion AOR 16-01

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

Public Comment by Pam Pollard.

Commissioner Easterling, Long, Pettigrew, and Hawkins commented on AO.

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Possible action on Advisory Opinion AOR 16-01	Commissioner Long commented there was no need for action and no need for a motion. No Action.
Introduction of Ethics Rule Amendments 2017-01 and 2017-02	Director Kemp reviewed drafts of Ethics Rule Amendments and noted only one Commissioner needs to sponsor in order for the rule to be put in place.
Executive Director's Report	Report was provided by Kemp on the Pre-Primary election reports, Fiscal year 2017 Budget work Program, Capitol renovation project, Guides, rules and annotations, Software update, and Outreach webinar hosted by General Counsel Geoffrey Long. Hawkins commented on software update.
General Counsel's Report	Report was provided by Geoffrey Long.
Consideration, discussion and possible action on Closed/Executive session.	Long moved to go into Closed/Executive session. Hawkins seconded. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Long – yes, Hawkins – yes, Stocker – yes, Pettigrew – yes, Easterling – yes. Motion was carried to go into Executive/Closed session at 11:07 a.m. Executive session was held in the Conference Room located within the Ethics Commission office in the Capitol basement, Rm. B5.
Possible Action to return to Open Session	Long moved to reconvene in Open Session at 11:58 a.m. Pettigrew seconded. Roll was called and the vote was follows: Long- yes, Pettigrew – Yes, Stocker – yes, Hawkins – yes, Easterling – yes. Motion carried

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Consideration, discussion and possible action on items considered in Executive Session

Long made the following motion: Complaint C-16-03 to be dismissed.

Easterling seconded.

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

Motion carried.

New Business

No new business.

Adjournment

Long moved to adjourn.

Easterling seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 11:59 a.m.


ASHLEY KEMP, Executive Director

Approved on Behalf of the Commission:


CATHY STOCKER, Chair