

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
HELD OCTOBER 14, 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, October 14, 2016, at 10:01 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"], Commissioner Jo Pettigrew ["Pettigrew"], Commissioner Karen Long ["Long"] and Commissioner 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 ["Long"], Stephanie Black ["Black"], Darci McKee ["McKee"] and Tiffany Elcyzyn ["Elcyzyn"].

 Observing all or part of the meeting: Denise Lawson, Attorney; Shawn Ashley, ECapitol News; Caroline Dennis, Senate Staff; Kathryn Taylor, Senate Leadership, and Orpha Wardlaw, Commissioner Pettigrew's sister.

Introductions and Announcements Introduction of Tiffany Elcyzyn, the Ethics Commission's new Executive Administrative Assistant by Ashley Kemp. Introduction by Commissioner Jo Pettigrew of her sister, Orpha Wardlaw, from Maysville Arkansas.

Consideration of Amendment 2017-02, amending Rule 2 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules. Explanation of Amendment 2017-02 by Director Kemp.

 Comments by Commissioner Pettigrew.

 Comments and questions by Commissioners.

 Public comment. None.

 Comments and questions by Commissioners and staff. None.

PROPOSED DRAFT/SUBJECT TO REVISION

Discussion and possible action on Amendment 2017-02 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules

Long moved to adopt Amendment 2017-02 of the Constitutional Ethics Commission.

Easterling seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Consideration of Amendment 2017-03, amending Rule 4 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules.

Explanation of Amendment 2017-03 by Director Kemp.

Comments by Commissioner Easterling.

Comments and questions by other Commissioners.

Public comment. None.

Comments and questions by Commissioners and staff. None.

Discussion and possible action on Amendment 2017-03 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules.

Pettigrew moved to adopt Amendment 2017-03 of the Constitutional Ethics Commission.

Easterling seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Consideration of Amendment 2017-04, amending Rule 5 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules.

Explanation of Amendment 2017-04 by Director Kemp.

Comments by Commissioner Pettigrew.

Comments and questions by other Commissioners. None

Public comment. None.

Comments and questions by Commissioners and staff. None.

Discussion and possible action on Amendment 2017-04 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules

Hawkins moved to adopt Amendment 2017-04 of the Constitutional Ethics Commission.

PROPOSED DRAFT/SUBJECT TO REVISION

Long seconded.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Hawkins – yes, Long – yes, Stocker – yes,
Pettigrew – yes, Easterling – yes.

Motion carried.

Consideration of Amendment 2017-05, amending Rule 5 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules.

Explanation of Amendment 2017-05 by Director Kemp.

Comments by Commissioner Long.

Public comment. None.

Comments and questions by Commissioners and staff. Questions and comments made by Commissioner Hawkins, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Easterling and Ashley Kemp.

Discussion and possible action on Amendment 2017-05 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules

No action. Decision on Amendment 2017-05 of the Constitutional Ethics Commission postponed to continue review. Further discussion and public hearing will be held in November.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on minutes for regular meeting and public hearing and executive sessions held September 9, 2016.

Easterling moved to approve the regular meeting, public hearing and executive session minutes as presented, held September 9, 2016.

Pettigrew seconded.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Easterling – yes, Pettigrew – yes, Stocker – yes,
Hawkins – yes, Long - yes.

Motion carried.

Discussion of agency expenditures for September 1 through September 30, 2016

No discussion.

Executive Director's Report.

Report was provided by Director Kemp on the capitol renovation project, continuing education programs, CLE outreach at the University of Oklahoma, software update, budget, and COGEL conference

PROPOSED DRAFT/SUBJECT TO REVISION

General Counsel's Report

No Report.

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 10:40 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

Hawkins moved to reconvene in open session at 11:27 a.m.

Long seconded.

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

Motion carried.

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

Long moved to open a formal investigation into C-16-04

Pettigrew seconded.

No discussion on motion.

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

Motion carried.

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

Long moved to open a formal investigation into C-16-05

Hawkins seconded.

PROPOSED DRAFT/SUBJECT TO REVISION

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

Motion carried.

Nominations, consideration and action on election of Commission Chair for 2016-2017.

Hawkins moved to nominate Jo Pettigrew as Chair for 2016-2017

Long seconded.

No discussion on the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Nominations, consideration and action on election of Commission Vice Chair for 2016-2017.

Pettigrew moved to nominate John Hawkins as Vice Chair for 2016-2017

Easterling seconded.

No discussion on the motion

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

Motion carried.

New Business

Chair Stocker read hand-written thank you notes that the Ethics Commission staff received.

Adjournment

Long moved to adjourn.

Easterling seconded.

Minutes of Regular Meeting held October 14, 2016

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


Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 11:33 a.m.



ASHLEY KEMP, Executive Director

Approved on Behalf of the Commission:



JO PETTIGREW, Chair