

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
HELD DECEMBER 11, 2015

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, December 11, 2015, at 10:02 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: Thomas Walker ["Walker"], Jo Pettigrew ["Pettigrew"], Karen Long ["Long"], 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"], Ashley Kemp ["Kemp"], Geoffrey Long ["Long"], Stephanie Black ["Black"], and Roberta Hale ["Hale"].

Observing all or part of the meeting: Samantha Davidson, Senate staff; Shawn Ashley, ECapitol News; Joel Dean, Journal Record; Barbara Hoberock, Tulsa World; Dale Denwalt, Journal Record; Jim Huff, private citizen; Maria Maule, Governor's office; Glenn Coffee, Attorney; Denise Davick, Attorney; and Robert Dorrell, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma.

Introductions and Announcements

None

Consideration, discussion and possible final action on the Commission's official promulgated rules for Year 2016

Pettigrew made the following motion.

Motion is made as follows:

1. Pursuant to Article 29, Section 3, of the Oklahoma Constitution, the Commission submit to each House of the Legislature and to the Governor, its promulgated Rules, including all Rules and amendments to Rules approved by the Commission on November 13, 2015, specifically including Amendments 2016-02, 2016-03 and 2016-04;
2. The Commission authorizes the Chair or the Chair's

designee to make typographical and non-substantive modifications and prepare such submission documents with language as may be necessary;

3. As a matter of courtesy, the Commission also provide the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General copies of that which are submitted to the Legislature and the Governor and;
4. The Commission authorizes the Chair or the Chair's designee to approve the final draft of the promulgated Rules prepared by staff in accordance with today's vote.

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

Motion carried.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on minutes for public hearing, regular meeting and executive session held November 13, 2015.

Walker moved to approve the shorter version of the minutes for the public hearing and regular meeting in addition to the executive session minutes as presented held on November 13, 2015.

Long seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on minutes for future meetings.

Commission is in agreement with the shorter version of the meeting minutes. Action minutes will be presented to the Commission for approval for future meetings. No vote was taken.

Discussion of Agency Expenditures for the month of November, 2015

No further discussion.

Introduction of amendments to Ethics Rules proposed by Mark Hammons, Chair, Oklahoma Democratic Party

Director Slater provided an explanation of the amendments. The amendments were submitted on behalf of the Oklahoma Democratic Party. No action or discussion held on this matter.

Executive Director's Report

Report was provided by Slater.

General Counsel's Report

Report was provided by Counsel Long.

Consideration, Discussion and Proposed Action on Closed/Executive Session

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

Walker moved to go into Closed/Executive session. Hawkins seconded. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Walker – yes, Hawkins– yes, Pettigrew – yes, Long – yes, Stocker – yes.

Motion carried to go into Executive/Closed session at 11:30 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

Walker moved to reconvene in open session at 12:25 p.m. Long seconded.

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

Motion carried.

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

Long moved to dismiss Complaint C-15-12. Hawkins seconded.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Long- yes, Hawkins – yes, Walker – no, Pettigrew – yes, Stocker – yes.

Motion carried. Complaint C-15-12 is dismissed.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on cancellation of January 8, 2016, Commission meeting

Walker moved to cancel the January 8, 2016, Commission Meeting. Long seconded.

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

Motion carried.

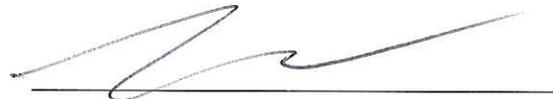
New Business

No new business. Reminder: February Commission meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2016.

Adjournment

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

Motion carried. Meeting ended at 12:40 p.m.



LEE SLATER, Executive Director

Approved on Behalf of the Commission:



CATHY STOCKER, Chair