

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
HELD DECEMBER 8, 2017

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 forty-eight (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, December 8, 2017, at 10:06 a.m. Chair John Hawkins, opened the meeting, which was held in Room 512A, 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 John Hawkins ["Hawkins"], Commissioner Cathy Stocker ["Stocker"], Vice-Chair Karen Long ["Long"], Commissioner Holly Easterling ["Easterling"] and Commissioner Charles Laster ["Laster"]. A quorum of members was declared.

Staff & Visitors.

Commission staff members present at all or part of the meeting were Ashley Kemp ["Kemp"], Jan Preslar ["Preslar"], Stephanie Black ["Black"], Tiffany Elczyn ["Elczyn"] and Ariel Hawkins ["Hawkins"].

Observing all or part of the meeting: Jim Dunlap, Lobbyist; Jim Huff, Citizen; Shawn Ashley, eCapitol; Denise Lawson, Attorney; Glenn Coffee, Attorney; Tyler Powell, Lobbyist; Barbara Hoberock, Tulsa World; Caroline Dennis, Senate; Matt Blabaugh, Lobbyist; Travis Jett, Gable Gotwals; and Dawn Watson, Lobbyist.

Consideration of Amendment 2018-02. This amendment modifies Rule 4, Conflicts of Interest, and Rule 5, Lobbyist Rules, of the Constitutional Ethics Rules and establishes a timeframe for restrictions on certain activities of former state officers and employees regarding lobbying, consulting, and interacting with the State and the agency formerly served.

Explanation of Amendment 2018-02 by Executive Director Kemp.

Comments by Chair Hawkins.

Comments, questions, and discussion by Commissioners and staff. Comments made by Executive Director Kemp, Vice-Chair Long, Commissioner Laster, Chair Hawkins, Commissioner Stocker, and General Counsel Preslar.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on Amendment 2018-02 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules.

No action taken.

Consideration on 2018-02 Amendment 1: Elected State Officers.

Explanation of 2018-02 Amendment 1: Elected State Officers by Executive Director Kemp.

Comments by Chair Hawkins

Comments, questions, and discussion by Commissioners and staff. Comments made by Commissioner Stocker, Executive Director Kemp, Vice-Chair Long, General Counsel Preslar, and Commissioner Laster.

Consideration, discussion, and possible action on 2018-02 Amendment 1: Elected State Officers.

Vice-Chair Long moved to adopt 2018-02 Amendment 1 regarding Elected State Officers.

Chair Hawkins seconded.

Comments and discussion made by Commissioner Laster, Commissioner Stocker, Chair Hawkins, Vice-Chair Long, Executive Director Kemp, and Commissioner Easterling.

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

Motion Carried.

Consideration on 2018-02 Amendment 2: Non-Elected State Officers and Employees.

Explanation of 2018-02 Amendment 2: Non-Elected State Officers and Employees by Executive Director Kemp.

Comments by Chair Hawkins.

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Comments, questions, and discussion by Commissioners and staff.
Comments made by Vice-Chair Long, Executive Director Kemp,
Commissioner Stocker, Commissioner Laster, Commissioner Easterling,
and General Counsel Preslar.

Consideration, discussion, and
possible action on 2018-02
Amendment 2: Non-Elected State
Officers and Employees.

Commissioner Laster moved to amend 2018-02 Amendment 2
regarding Non-Elected State Officers and Employees as discussed.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Introduction and possible discussion
of Amendment 2018-03. This
amendment modifies Rule 1,
Administration, by clarifying
calculation of filing dates and Rule 2,
Campaign Finance, by cleaning up
language in several Rules.

Explanation of Amendment 2018-03 by Executive Director Kemp.

Comments by Vice-Chair Long. None.

Public Comment. None

Comments, questions and discussion by Commissioners and staff.
None.

Discussion and possible action on
Amendment 2018-03 of the
Constitutional Ethics Rules.

Vice Chair Long moved to adopt 2018-03 as proposed.

Commissioner Easterling seconded.

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

Motion carried.

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Consideration of Amendment 2018-04. This amendment modifies Rule 6, Complaints and Enforcement, by establishing Compliance Orders will be served electronically to the e-mail address on record with the Commission, and establishing final orders will be reduced to judgment by operation of law.

Explanation of Amendment 2018-04 by Executive Director Kemp.

Comments by Commissioner Stocker. None.

Public Comment. None.

Comments, questions, and discussion by Commissioners and staff. Comments made by Commissioner Laster, General Counsel Preslar, and Executive Director Kemp.

Discussion and possible action on Amendment 2018-04 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules.

Commissioner Stocker moved to adopt Amendment 2018-04 as proposed.

Vice-Chair Long seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Status update for proposed amendment concerning a "safe harbor" regarding independent expenditures and electioneering communications.

Status update by Executive Director Kemp.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on minutes for the regular meeting, public hearing and executive session held November 17, 2017.

Commissioner Stocker moved to approve the regular meeting and executive session minutes held November 17, 2017

Vice-Chair Long seconded.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. None.

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

Motion carried.

Discussion of agency expenditures for the month of November 2017.

Explanation of expenditures by Executive Director Kemp.

Executive Director's Report.

Report was provided by Executive Director Kemp on Agency News, COGEL Conference, Special Session Update, and Continuing Education Programs and Compliance.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on Closed/Executive session.

Vice Chair Long moved to go into Closed/Executive session.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

Discussion or comments by commissioners. None.

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

Motion was carried to go into Executive/Closed session at 11:59 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.

Vice-Chair Long moved to reconvene in Open Session at 12:47p.m.

Commissioner Laster seconded.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. None.

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

Motion carried.

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

Vice-Chair Long move to authorize the Executive Director to proceed with Case No. 2017-074 under 6.10 as discussed in Executive Session.

Commissioner Laster seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Vice-Chair Long moved to authorize a formal investigation on complaint C-17-10 based on a determination that there is reasonable cause to believe that the persons named in the complaint violated Ethics Rule 257 Chapter 10 and Rule 2.

Commissioner Laster seconded.

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

Motioned Carried.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Commissioner Stocker moved to adjourn.

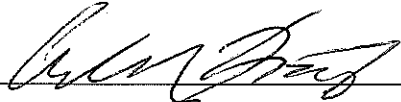
Vice-Chair Long seconded.

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

Motion carried.


Meeting ended at 12:50 p.m.

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ASHLEY KEMP, Executive Director

Approved on Behalf of the Commission:



JOHN HAWKINS, Chair