

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
HELD FEBRUARY 24, 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 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, February 24, 2017, at 10:02 a.m. Chair Jo Pettigrew ["Pettigrew"], 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 Jo Pettigrew ["Pettigrew"], Vice Chair John Hawkins ["Hawkins"], Commissioner Cathy Stocker ["Stocker"], 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"], and Tiffany Elczyn ["Elczyn"].

Observing all or part of the meeting: Denise Lawson, Attorney; Caroline Dennis, Senate Staff; Jim Dunlap, Lobbyist; Jim Hurr, Citizen; Lorne Fultonberg, Reporter with KFOR-TV, and Representative Cleveland, House of Representatives.

Introductions and Announcements

Introduction and Announcements by Executive Director Kemp.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on minutes for the meeting and executive session held January 27, 2017

Vice Chair Hawkins moved to approve the regular meeting, public hearing and executive session minutes as presented, held January 27, 2017.

Commissioner Easterling seconded.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. None.

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

Motion carried.

Discussion of agency expenditures for January 1 through January 31, 2017

Explanation of expenditures by Executive Director Kemp.

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Consideration, discussion and possible action on procedures for proposed amendments to the Ethics Rules.

Explanation of procedures for proposed amendments by Executive Director Kemp.

Comments by Chair Pettigrew.

Vice Chair Hawkins moved to approve the procedures for proposed amendments.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

Comments by Commissioner Easterling.

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

Motion carried.

Introduction of Ethics Rule Amendment 2018-01 regarding the timing of contributions by limited political action committees to candidate committees.

Explanation of Amendment 2018-01 by Executive Director Kemp.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. Comments by Commissioner Pettigrew.

Comment with an example by Executive Director Kemp.

Request for advisory opinion. AOR-17-01, request from James C. Joseph, Oklahoma State Bond Advisor

Explanation of advisory opinion, AOR-17-01, by General Counsel Geoff Long.

Questions by Commissioner Hawkins.

Executive Director's Report.

Report was provided by Executive Director Kemp on Legislation and Agency News.

General Counsel's Report

Comments on Agency News by General Counsel Geoff Long. No new developments in ethics law.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on limitations for individual contributions to candidates of \$2,700 for the 2018 primary, runoff primary and general election campaigns

Explanation of individual contribution limits to candidates for 2018 elections.

Commissioner Easterling moved to approve limitations for individual contributions to candidates of \$2,700 for the 2018 primary, runoff primary and general election campaigns.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

Discussion or comments by commissioners. None.

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

Motion carried.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on Closed/Executive session

Commissioner Stocker moved to go into Closed/Executive session.

Commissioner Easterling seconded.

Discussion or comments by commissioners. None.

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

Motion was carried to go into Executive/Closed session at 10:32 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

Commissioner Stocker moved to reconvene in Open Session at 11:46 a.m.

Commissioner Hawkins seconded.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. None

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

Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Stocker moved to dismiss Complaint C-17-01.

Commissioner Easterling seconded.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. None.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Stocker moved to dismiss Complaint C-17-02.

Vice Chair Hawkins seconded.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. None.

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

Motion carried.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on employment of General Counsel effective March 1, 2017

Introduction of Jan Preslar by Executive Director Kemp.

Comments by Jan Preslar and Chair Pettigrew.

Commissioner Stocker moved to appoint Jan Preslar as General Counsel effective March 1, 2017

Vice Chair Hawkins seconded.

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

Motion carried.

New Business

Chair Pettigrew made comments regarding next meeting.

Adjournment

Commissioner Stocker moved to adjourn.

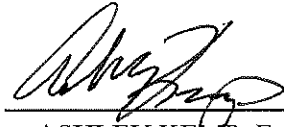
Commissioner Easterling seconded.

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Easterling – yes, Pettigrew – yes and Hawkins - yes

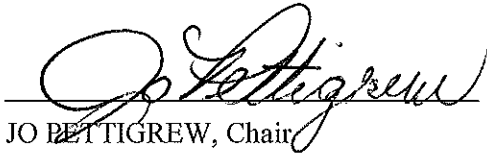
Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 11:54 a.m.



ASHLEY KEMP, Executive Director

Approved on Behalf of the Commission:



JO PETTIGREW, Chair