

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
HELD JANUARY 12, 2018

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, January 12, 2018, at 10:03 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"], 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"], and Ariel Hawkins ["Hawkins"].

Observing all or part of the meeting: Jim Dunlap, Lobbyist; Tom Gruber, Attorney General's office; Montie Smith, Legislative Liaison; Shawn Ashley, eCapitol; Kathryn Taylor, Senate; Denise Lawson, Attorney; Glenn Coffee, Attorney; Tyler Powell, CSS Partner; Caroline Dennis, Senate; Denise Crosswhite Hader, Legislative Assistant; Geoff Long, Attorney; and Matt Blubaugh, 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. None.

Public comment. Comments by Tom Gruber and Denise Crosswhite Hader.

Comments, questions, and discussion by Commissioners and staff.
Comments made by Commissioner Laster, Executive Director Kemp,
and Commissioner Stocker.

Discussion and possible action on
Amendment 2018-02 of the
Constitutional Ethics Rules. No action taken.

Consideration of Amendment 2018-
05. This amendment modifies Rule 2,
Campaign Finance, of the
Constitutional Ethics Rules amending
the uses of surplus funds. Explanation of Amendment 2018-05 by Executive Director Kemp.

Comments by Commissioner Laster.

Public Comment. None.

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

Discussion and possible action on
Amendment 2018-05 of the
Constitutional Ethics Rules. Commissioner Laster moved to adopt Amendment #1 of 2018-05.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Laster moved to adopt 2018-05 as amended.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

Comments, questions, and discussion by Commissioner and staff.
Comments by Chair Hawkins, Commissioner Laster, and Executive
Director Kemp.

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

Motion Carried.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on minutes for the regular meeting, public hearing and executive session held December 8, 2017.

Commissioner Stocker moved to approve the regular meeting and executive session minutes held December 8, 2017.

Commissioner Laster seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Discussion of agency expenditures for the month of December 2017.

Explanation of expenditures by Executive Director Kemp.

Request for advisory opinion 2017-03, request from Paul Sherman, Senior Attorney, Institute for Justice.

Explanation of advisory opinion 2017-03 by General Counsel Jan Preslar.

Comments by Commissioners and staff. Comments by Chair Hawkins, Commissioner Laster, Executive Director Kemp, Commissioner Stocker, and General Counsel Preslar.

Commissioner Stocker moved to direct the Executive Director to schedule and provide notice of a hearing on Advisory Opinion Request 2017-03, to prepare draft advisory opinions for consideration by the Commission, and to accept comments on the request and draft opinions consistent with Ethics Rule 1.7.

Commissioner Laster seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Executive Director's Report.

Report was provided by Executive Director Kemp on agency news, Legislative Session(s) update, continuing education programs, and compliance.

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

Commissioner Stocker moved to go into Closed/Executive session.

Commissioner Laster seconded.

Discussion or comments by commissioners. None.

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

Motion was carried to go into Executive/Closed session at 11:03 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 11:53 a.m.

Commissioner Laster seconded.

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

Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Stocker moved to dismiss Complaint C-17-11.

Commissioner Laster seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Laster moved to dismiss Complaint C-17-13.

Stocker seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Laster moved to authorize a formal investigation on Complaint C-17-16.

Commisisoner Stocker seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Commissioner Laster moved to adjourn.

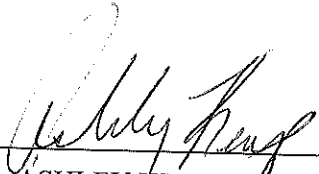
Commissioner Stocker seconded.

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

Motion carried.

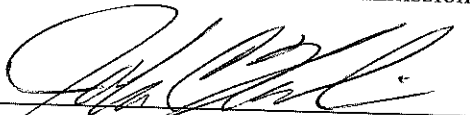
Meeting ended at 11:58 a.m.

Minutes of Regular Meeting and Public Hearing held January 12, 2018



ASHLEY KEMP, Executive Director

Approved on Behalf of the Commission:



JOHN HAWKINS, Chair