

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
HELD APRIL 8, 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 of the Ethics Commission of the State of Oklahoma ["Commission"] was called to order on Friday, April 8, 2016, at 10:00 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: Karen Long ["Long"], Jo Pettigrew ["Pettigrew"], John Hawkins ["Hawkins"], and Cathy Stocker. A quorum of members was declared.

Staff & Visitors

Commission staff members present at all or part of the meeting were Lee Slater ["Slater"], Stephanie Black ["Black"], Ashley Kemp ["Kemp"], Geoffrey Long and Darci McKee ["McKee"].

Observing all or part of the meeting: Rich Kriegel, KWTU; Aarn Balbed, KWTU; Denise Davick Lawson, Attorney; Shawn Ashley, ECapitol News; Tim Talley, media; Barbara Hoberock, Tulsa World; Kalen Taylor, Senate Staff; Cindy Sullivan, Senate Staff, Rick Green, Reporter; Michael Dran, Reporter; Caroline Dennis, Senate staff; and Glenn Coffee, Attorney.

Introductions and Announcements

Roberta Hale's Resignation

Consideration, discussion and possible action on minutes for regular meeting and executive session held March 11, 2016.

Pettigrew moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting and executive session minutes as presented held on March 11, 2016.

Hawkins seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Discussion of Agency Expenditures for March 1, 2016, through March 31, 2016.

No discussion.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on request for waiver of Ethics Rule 5, Lobbyist Registration and Reporting, based upon pre-existing relationship pursuant to Rule 5.25.

Geoffrey Long reviewed and discussed waiver due to pre-existing relationship.

Request for Waiver of Rules for Pre-existing relationship.

W-16-01, Request by Ms. Cindy Sullivan ["Sullivan"] for a waiver of rules for pre-existing relationship with Mr. Seth Rott ["Rott"].

Commissioner Long made the following motion: I move for a waiver of rules for pre-existing relationship between Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Rott.

Hawkins seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

Report was provided by Slater on the Legislative report, National Recognition, and Filing Period.

Report was provided by Kemp on the Software update and COGEL.

General Counsel's Report

Report was provided by Geoffrey Long.

Consideration, Discussion and Possible Action on Closed/Executive Session

Statement by Attorney is listed as Agenda Item 8 (a).

Long moved to go into Closed/Executive session.

Pettigrew seconded.

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

**Motion carried to go into Executive/Closed session at 10:24 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

**Long moved to reconvene in open session at 11:53 a.m.**

Pettigrew seconded.

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

**Motion carried.**

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

No Motion.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on the resignation of Lee Slater as Executive Director effective at the end of business June 30, 2016.

Slater discussed resignation and recommended a candidate to replace him.

Long praised Slater for his service, time and wisdom to the commission and reluctantly moved to accept his resignation effective June 30, 2016.

Hawkins seconded.

Discussion by Pettigrew: Praised reputation of Slater, honorable, honest, able, & driven. Is an honor to have worked with him and to call him a friend.

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

**Motion carried.**

Consideration, discussion and possible action on appointing Mr. Slater's candidate as Executive Director effective July 1, 2016.

Slater discussed Ashley Kemp's prior legal background, and her exceeding expectations as Deputy Director at the Ethics Commission. Slater recommended Kemp to be the Executive Director, without reservation.

Long made the following motion: Move the Appointment of Ashley Kemp as the Executive Director of the Ethics Commission as of July 1, 2016.

Pettigrew seconded.

Discussion by Long: Confirmed Slater's recommendation of Kemp and praised her working relationship.

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

New Business

No new business.

Adjournment

Hawkins moved to adjourn.

Long seconded.

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

**Motion carried.**

Meeting ended at 12:08 p.m.



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LEE SLATER, Executive Director

Approved on Behalf of the Commission:



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CATHY STOCKER, Chair