

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
HELD MAY 11, 2018

Call to Order.

Upon notice, with the 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 of the Ethics Commission of the State of Oklahoma ["Commission"] was called to order on Friday, May 11, 2018, at 10:02 a.m. Chair John Hawkins 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: 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"] and Ariel Hawkins ["Hawkins"].

Observing all or part of the meeting: Elrey Carr, Candidate; Denise Lawson, Attorney; Glenn Coffee, Attorney; Jim Dunlap, Lobbyist; Paul Monies, Oklahoma Watch; Shawn Ashley, eCapitol; Ivan Holmes, Candidate; Kathryn Taylor, Senate; Caroline Dennis, Senate; Matt Duehning, Senate; Brandt Dismukes; Barbara Hoberock, Tulsa World; Geoffrey Long, Attorney; Nolan Clay, The Oklahoman.

Open Meeting Act Compliance.

In compliance with Open Meetings Act.

Consideration, discussion, and possible action on minutes for the regular meeting and executive session held April 13, 2018.

Commissioner Stocker moved to approve the regular meeting and executive session minutes for the Commission meeting held April 13, 2018.

Commissioner Easterling Seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Executive Director's Report.

Report was provided by Executive Director Kemp on the agency move, FY 19 Budget Request, Ethics Rules submitted during the 2018 Regular Legislative Session, agency expenditures for April 2018, proposed rule amendments 2019-01 and 2019-02, and continuing education programs and compliance.

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

Vice-Chair Long moved that pursuant to counsel's advice as set forth in the agenda, the Commission go into executive session in the Commission offices in Room G-27.

Commissioner Easterling seconded.

Discussion or comments by commissioners. None.

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

Motion was carried to go into Executive/Closed session at 10:19 a.m.

Executive session was held in the Conference Room located within the Ethics Commission office in the Capitol basement, Rm. G-27.

Possible Action to return to Open Session.

Commissioner Laster moved to reconvene in Open Session at 12:57 p.m.

Commissioner Easterling seconded.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. None.

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

Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Long moved to authorize the Executive Director to proceed under Rule 6.10 as discussed in Executive Session regarding Case No. 2014-10.

Commissioner Laster seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Long moved to authorize the Executive Director to proceed under Rule 6.10 as discussed in Executive Session regarding Case No. 2018-04.

Commissioner Laster seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Long moved to authorize a formal investigation on Complaint C-17-12 based on the determination that there is reasonable cause to believe that the person or persons named in the complaint have violated Campaign Finance Ethics Rule 2.

Commissioner Easterling seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Long moved to dismiss Complaint C-18-02.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Long moved to approve the proposed settlement agreement to resolve Complaint C-17-12.

Commissioner Easterling seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Long moved to dismiss Complaint C-18-06.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Long moved to dismiss Complaint C-18-07.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Long moved to authorize a formal investigation on Complaint C-18-08 based on a determination that there is reasonable cause to believe that the person or persons named in the complaint have violated Campaign Finance Ethics Rule 2.

Commissioner Easterling seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Long moved to pursue litigation against to be named respondents for violation of the Oklahoma Constitution and the Oklahoma Ethics Rules and further move to authorize the chairman of the commission to make decisions on behalf of the commission to facilitate pursuit of such litigation.

Commissioner Easterling seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

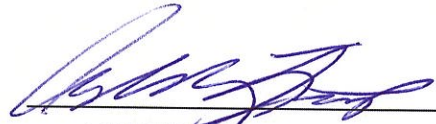
Commissioner Stocker moved to adjourn.

Commissioner Easterling seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 1:04 pm.



ASHLEY KEMP, Executive Director

Approved on Behalf of the Commission:



JOHN HAWKINS, Chair