

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
HELD MAY12, 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, May 12, 2017, at 10:01 a.m. Chair Jo Pettigrew ["Pettigrew"], 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 Jo Pettigrew ["Pettigrew"], Commissioner Cathy Stocker ["Stocker"], Commissioner Karen Long ["Long"] 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"], Jan Preslar ["Preslar"], Stephanie Black ["Black"], and Tiffany Elczyn ["Elczyn"]. Observing all or part of the meeting: Denise Lawson, Attorney; Glenn Coffee, Attorney; Geoff Long, Attorney; and two unknown.
Introductions and Announcements	Introduction and Announcements by Executive Director Kemp.
Consideration of Amendment 2018-01. This amendment modifies the Campaign Finance Rules in Rule 2 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules regarding the timing of contributions by limited political action committees to candidate committees.	Explanation of Amendment 2018-01 by Executive Director Kemp. Comments by Commissioner Stocker. Public comment. Director Kemp read a written comment from Representative Todd Russ, Chair of Elections and Ethics Committee. Comments and questions by Commissioners and staff. Commissioner Easterling commented.

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Discussion and possible action on Amendment 2018-01 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules

Commissioner Easterling moved to adopt proposed Amendment 2018-01.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. None.

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

Motion carried.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on minutes for the meeting and executive session held April 14, 2017

Commissioner Long moved to approve the regular meeting, public hearing and executive session minutes as amended to modify page 2 by replacing the word "Chair" with "Commissioner" before "Stocker", held April 14, 2017.

Commissioner Easterling seconded.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. None.

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

Motion carried.

Discussion of agency expenditures for April 1 through April 30, 2017

Explanation of expenditures by Executive Director Kemp.

Comments and Questions by Commissioner Long.

Consideration and discussion of Advisory Opinion AOR-2017-01, request from James C. Joseph, Oklahoma State Bond Advisor.

Explanation of advisory opinion, AOR-2017-01, by General Counsel Jan Preslar.

Discussion and comments by Commissioners. Commissioner Long, Commissioner Easterling and Commissioner Pettigrew discussed and commented.

Consideration and discussion of Advisory Opinion AOR-2017-02, request from Sharon Caldwell, at CMA Strategies.

Explanation of advisory opinion, AOR-2017-02, by General Counsel Jan Preslar.

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Discussion and comments by Commissioners. Commissioner Long, Commissioner Stocker, Commissioner Easterling, and Commissioner Pettigrew discussed and commented.

Executive Director's Report.

Report was provided by Executive Director Kemp on Legislation, Agency News and Continuing Education Programs and Compliance.

General Counsel's Report

Recent developments in ethics law by General Counsel Jan Preslar. None.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on Closed/Executive session

Commissioner Long 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: Long - yes, Easterling - yes, Pettigrew - yes, Stocker - yes.

Motion was carried to go into Executive/Closed session at 10:58 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 12:09 p.m.

Commissioner Easterling seconded.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. None

Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Stocker - yes, Easterling - yes, Pettigrew - 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 and to grant a 10 day extension in Case No. 2016-07.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. None.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Long moved to dismiss Complaint C-17-05.

Commissioner Easterling seconded.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. None.

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

Motion carried.

New Business

None

Adjournment


Commissioner Stocker moved to adjourn.

Commissioner Long seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 12:14 p.m.


ASHLEY KEMP, Executive Director

Approved on Behalf of the Commission:


JO PETTIGREW, Chair