

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
HELD JUNE 8, 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, June 8, 2018, at 10:00 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: David Oakley, LegisOK; Paul Monies, OK Watch; Denise Lawson, Attorney; Kathryn Taylor, Senate; Caroline Dennis, Senate; Matt Duehning, Senate; Barbara Hoberock, Tulsa World; Shawn Ashley, eCapitol; Nolan Clay, The Oklahoman.

Open Meeting Act Compliance.

In compliance with Open Meetings Act.

Introductions and announcements.

None.

Consideration, discussion, and possible action on minutes for the regular meeting and executive session held May 11, 2018.

Commissioner Stocker moved to approve the regular meeting and executive session minutes as amended for the Commission meeting held May 11, 2018.

Commissioner Long Seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

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Executive Director's Report.

Report was provided by Executive Director Kemp on agency expenditures for April 2018, agency news, and continuing education programs and compliance.

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

Commissioner Laster moved to grant waiver request W-18-02 for the preexisting relationship between Mark Reudy and Jonathan Nichols based on the finding that the purpose of the Ethics Rules will not be impeded or hindered by the waiver.

Commissioner Easterling seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Consideration and discussion of compliance process, including orders, late fee schedule, and collection.

Discussion by Director Kemp, Laster, Long, General Counsel Preslar, Hawkins, and Stocker.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on schedule for registration and administration fees for legislative liaisons, legislative lobbyists, executive lobbyists, lobbyist principals, political party committees, political action committees and candidate committees effective July 1, 2018.

Moved to after Executive Session.

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

Commissioner Laster 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: Laster - yes, Easterling - yes, Hawkins - yes, Stocker - yes, Long - yes.

Motion was carried to go into Executive/Closed session at 10:35 a.m.

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

Possible Action to return to Open Session.

Commissioner Stocker moved to reconvene in Open Session at 12:44 p.m.

Commissioner Laster seconded.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. None.

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

Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Stocker moved to authorize a formal investigation on Complaint C-18-09 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 Long seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stocker moved to authorize a formal investigation on Complaint C-18-10 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 Long seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

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Consideration, discussion and possible action on schedule for registration and administration fees for legislative liaisons, legislative lobbyists, executive lobbyists, lobbyist principals, political party committees, political action committees and candidate committees effective July 1, 2018.

Discussion by Director Kemp, Hawkins, Laster, Long, Easterling, General Counsel Preslar, and Stocker.

Commissioner Long moved to increase registration fees by \$100, with the same registration fee to be charged to all committees including special function committees with the additional understanding that a special function committee would be subject to \$1000 threshold before it would become subject to a registration fee.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

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