

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2014

- 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, February 14, 2014, at 10:02 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: Stocker, Jo Pettigrew ["Pettigrew"], Thomas Walker ["Walker"], and M. Robert McKinney ["McKinney"]. A quorum of members was declared.
- Staff & Visitors                Commission staff members present were Lee Slater ["Slater"], Ashley Kemp ["Kemp"], Rebecca Frazier ["Frazier"], Roberta Hale ["Hale"], and Suzi Bryan ["Bryan"].
- Observing all or part of the meeting: Barbara Hoberock, Tulsa World; Caroline Dennis, Senate Staff; Chelsea Smith, General Counsel, House of Representatives; Denise Davick, Attorney; Denise Childress, UCO Graduate Student; and Randy Ellis, The Oklahoman.
- Introductions and  
Announcements                Chair asked for any introductions and there were none.
- Consideration, Discussion  
and Possible Action on  
Minutes for Public Hearing,  
Regular Meeting and  
Executive Session held on  
January 10, 2014.                Walker moved to approve minutes of the January 10, 2014, public hearing, regular meeting and executive session. Pettigrew seconded. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Walker – yes, Pettigrew – yes, McKinney – yes, Stocker – yes. **Motion carried.**
- Consideration, Discussion  
and Possible Action on  
Ratification of Agency  
Expenditures for the month  
of January, 2014                Pettigrew thanked Slater for the summary of the expenditures and commented it was very helpful.
- Pettigrew moved ratification of the agency expenditures. McKinney seconded. Roll was called on the motion and the vote was as follows: Pettigrew – yes, McKinney – yes, Walker – abstain, Stocker – yes, **Motion carried.**

Executive Director's  
Report.

Slater reported that the newly promulgated Rules had been delivered to the Governor, the House of Representatives and the Senate on February 4, 2014, to comply with requirements of the Constitution. He said complimentary copies also were provided to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General, as well as Senator Griffin, sponsor of companion legislation for the new Rules. He said highlight summaries also were provided to all members of the Legislature. Slater said the newly promulgated Rules and the highlight summary were available on the Commission's website.

Slater said the new legislative session was underway, and that Representative Jeff Hickman had been elected Speaker of the House.

Slater said the Governor's budget included an operating budget for the Commission of \$738,129, the same as the current fiscal year, and that the Governor had added \$780,000 for new campaign finance and lobbyist reporting software.

Slater said the Oklahoma Compensation and Unclassified Positions Review Board had approved the Commission's request (contained in Senate Bill 1743) to "declassify" two positions and to provide for two additional unclassified positions requested in the Commission's budget.

Slater said he had appeared before the appropriations committee's subcommittees in both the House and Senate.

He said Senator Griffin had been effective in getting three bills (Senate Bills 1744, 1745 and 1746) through the Senate Rules Committee with "Do Pass" recommendations. He said Representative Todd Russ, chair of the House Rules Committee, had agreed to sponsor the bills in the House.

Slater said that PCC Technology Group, which developed campaign finance software for four states, had scheduled a demonstration for February 20. He said the vendor contacted the Commission as a result of networking by General Counsel Frazier at the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL) conference in December. Slater said a second meeting with another vendor, SOE, was scheduled on February 20. He said that representatives of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services Information Services Division urged the Commission to move quickly to obtain a software provider if the Commission planned to have software in place by January 1, 2015.

Slater said two staff members, Deputy Director Kemp and Hale, had attended a training session as the first step toward replacing the Commission's Internet website.

He said that he had spoken to a group of District Attorneys and County Commissioners. He said he also appeared at the Professional Firefighters 2014

legislative conference and that General Counsel Frazier and Bryan had accompanied him to answer specific questions from participants who represented political action committees.

Lastly, Slater said that OMES crews had begun painting the Commission's offices.

General Counsel's Report

General Counsel Frazier stated that Commission staff prepared informational handouts for state employees, state officers, judicial candidates and members of the Legislature. Frazier explained that the handouts highlight Ethics Rules to remember, particularly during election season. Frazier stated that the state employee handouts would be distributed through the Office of Management and Enterprise Services ("OMES"), and that the legislative handouts would be distributed to legislators through Senate and House staff.

Frazier stated that there are no recent legal developments in ethics law.

Consideration, Discussion and Proposed Action on Closed/Executive Session

Frazier gave the statement of advice of counsel to go into Executive Session. Walker moved to go into Closed/Executive session. McKinney seconded. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Walker – yes, McKinney – yes, Pettigrew – yes, Stocker – yes. **Motion carried to go into Executive/Closed session at 10:28 a.m.**

Possible Action to Return to Open Session

Walker moved to reconvene in open session at 11:20 a.m. McKinney seconded. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Walker – yes, McKinney – yes, Pettigrew – yes, Stocker – yes. **Motion carried.**

Consideration, Discussion and Possible Action on Items Considered in Executive Session

There was no motion for the items listed in Executive Session.

Future Meeting Dates

Discussion was held regarding the March 2014 meeting date; Pettigrew will not be present at the March 2014 meeting. Meeting will remain in place as scheduled.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

McKinney moved to adjourn. Pettigrew seconded. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: McKinney– yes, Pettigrew – yes, Walker – yes, Stocker - yes. **Motion carried.** Meeting ended at 11:35 a.m.

  
LEE SLATER, Executive Director

Minutes of Regular Meeting held February 14, 2014.

Approved on Behalf of the Commission:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy Stocker".

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CATHY STOCKER, Chair  
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