

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
HELD MAY 9, 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, May 9, 2014, 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: Stocker, Jo Pettigrew ["Pettigrew"], Thomas Walker ["Walker"], M. Robert McKinney ["McKinney"] and Karen Long ["Long"]. A quorum of members was declared.
- Staff & Visitors Commission staff members present were Lee Slater ["Slater"], Ashley Kemp ["Kemp"], Rebecca Frazier ["Frazier"], and Roberta Hale ["Hale"].
- Observing all or part of the meeting: Caroline Dennis, Senate Staff; Denise Davick, Attorney; Darci McKee, Campaign Technology Professionals, LLC, Tamira Lee-Brown, Fellers Snider Law Firm; Shawn Ashley, ECapitol News; Nolan Clay, The Oklahoman and Sean Murphy, Associated Press.
- Introductions and
Announcements No special introductions.
- Consideration,
Discussion and Possible
Action on Minutes for
Regular Meeting and
Executive Session held
on April 11, 2014. Pettigrew moved to approve minutes of the April 11, 2014, regular meeting and executive session. McKinney seconded. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Pettigrew – yes, McKinney – yes, Walker – abstained, Long – yes, Stocker – yes. **Motion carried.**
- Consideration,
Discussion and Possible
Action on Ratification of
Agency Expenditures for
the month of April, 2014. McKinney moved for ratification of the agency expenditures. Walker seconded. Roll was called on the motion and the vote was as follows: McKinney – yes, Walker – yes, Pettigrew – yes, Long – yes, Stocker – yes. **Motion carried.**
- Executive Director's
Report. Slater said he anticipates that Senate Bills 1744 (criminal code) and 1746 (lobbying amendments) would be returned from the House to the Senate and would be considered by the Senate along with Senate Bill 1745 (Political Subdivisions Act repeal and replacement) during the coming week. If approved, he said the bills would be sent to the Governor for her

consideration. Slater explained developments on the three bills during the past month, including approval of all three by the House of Representatives, and praised Deputy Director Kemp for her role in helping obtain passage.

He said that it appeared likely that the Legislature would appropriate funds for purchase of new campaign finance software, but that the Commission's operating budget probably would remain level when the state budget is approved.

Slater said that Quest Information Systems, Inc. demonstrated its campaign reporting and lobbyist reporting software from other states to a group of more than thirty end-users in two sessions the previous week. He said the demonstration produced a positive response. Slater said Deputy Director Kemp was working with Quest and representatives of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services in an effort to be positioned to execute a software contract if funding is approved.

Slater reminded Commissioners of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL) conference in Pittsburgh in December.

He reported that he and General Counsel Frazier had met with the Oklahoma Society of Association Executives a week earlier to discuss newly promulgated Ethics Rules.

Slater advised the Commission of the death of the wife of Jim Loy, former two-term member of the Commission.

Slater noted that this was the last day of State Employee Recognition Week and expressed appreciation to members of the Commission staff.

Slater requested Commissioners to provide an eight-by-ten color portrait so that these photographs could be displayed in the Commission's office.

General Counsel's
Report

General Counsel Frazier discussed the summer externship program and explained that the Commission will have one law student during the summer from the Oklahoma City University School of Law.

Frazier stated that there are no recent 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. Long seconded. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Walker – yes, Long – yes, Pettigrew – yes, McKinney – yes, Stocker - yes. **Motion carried to go into Executive/Closed session at 10:25 a.m.**

Possible Action to Return to Open Session

Walker moved to reconvene in open session at 11:45 a.m. Long seconded. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Walker – yes, Long – yes, Pettigrew – yes, McKinney – yes, Stocker – yes. **Motion carried.**

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

Commissioner Walker made the following motion: Madam Chair, I move the Commission to determine that the information as received in support of complaint 14-007 provides an adequate basis for the belief that a violation of Ethics Commission rules may have occurred and that an investigation of the suspected violation is warranted and that we authorize an investigation to be conducted with the authority to issue subpoenas.

Long seconded. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Walker – yes, Long – yes, Pettigrew – yes, McKinney – yes, Stocker – yes. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Walker made the following motion: Madam Chair, I move the Commission approve the proposed settlement agreement that resolves the issues in complaint 14-005. [Settlement agreement is attached.]

Long seconded. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Walker – yes, Long – yes, Pettigrew – yes, McKinney – yes, Stocker – yes. **Motion carried.**

Vice-Chair Long indicated that there was no motion with regards to Agenda Item 10.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Adjournment

Walker moved to adjourn. McKinney seconded. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Walker – yes, McKinney – yes, Pettigrew – yes, Long – yes, Stocker – yes. **Motion carried.**

Meeting ended at 11:50 a.m.


LEE SLATER, Executive Director

Approved on Behalf of the Commission:


CATHY STOCKER, Chair