

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
HELD NOVEMBER 17, 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 forty-eight (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, November 17, 2017, at 10:02 a.m. Acting Chair John Hawkins ["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: Acting Chair John Hawkins ["Hawkins"], Commissioner Cathy Stocker ["Stocker"], Commissioner 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 Tiffany Elczyn ["Elczyn"].

Observing all or part of the meeting: Denise Lawson, Attorney; Glenn Coffee, Attorney; Cara Rodriguez, Attorney; Geoff Long, Attorney; Jessica Dietrich, OAR Lobbyist; Ryan Kilpatrick, FKG Consulting; Tres Savage, Non Doc; Dawn Watson, Lobbyist; and Caroline Dennis, Senate.

Consideration of Amendment 2018-02. This amendment modifies Rule 4, Conflicts of Interest, and Rule 5, Lobbyist Rules, of the Constitutional Ethics Rules and establishes a timeframe for restrictions on certain activities of former state officers and employees regarding lobbying, consulting, and interacting with the State and the agency formerly served.

Explanation of Amendment 2018-02 by Executive Director Kemp.

Comments by Commissioner Hawkins.

Public comment. Comments made by Dawn Watson, Lobbyist.

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Comments, questions, and discussion by Commissioners and staff. Comments made by Executive Director Kemp, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Laster, Acting Chair Hawkins, Commissioner Stocker, and General Counsel Preslar.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on Amendment 2018-02 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules.

No action taken.

Introduction and possible discussion of Amendment 2018-03. This amendment modifies Rule 1, Administration, by clarifying calculation of filing dates and Rule 2, Campaign Finance, by cleaning up language in several Rules.

Explanation of Amendment 2018-03 by Executive Director Kemp.

Comments by Commissioner Long. Commissioner Long sponsors Amendment 2018-03.

Introduction and possible discussion of Amendment 2018-04. This amendment modifies Rule 6, Complaints and Enforcement, by establishing Compliance Orders will be served electronically to the e-mail address on record with the Commission and final orders will be reduced to judgment by operation of law.

Explanation of Amendment 2018-04 by Executive Director Kemp.

Comments by General Counsel Preslar, Acting Chair Hawkins, and Commissioner Stocker. Commissioner Stocker sponsors Amendment 2018-04.

Request by the public and possible discussion for the Commission to engage in Rule-making on Rule 2, Campaign Finance Rules, to provide a "safe harbor" with regards to independent expenditures and electioneering communications.

Explanation of Rule-making on Rule 2, "safe harbor", by Geoff Long.

Comments by Commissioner Laster. Commissioner Laster sponsors Rule-making on Rule 2.

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Consideration, discussion and possible action on minutes for the regular meeting, public hearing and executive session held October 5, 2017 and the special meeting and public hearing held October 27, 2017.

Commissioner Stocker moved to approve the regular meeting and executive session minutes held October 5, 2017 and the special meeting and public hearing held October 27, 2017.

Commissioner Easterling seconded.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. None.

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

Motion carried.

Discussion of agency expenditures for October 1 through October 31, 2017.

Explanation of expenditures by Executive Director Kemp.

Executive Director's Report.

Report was provided by Executive Director Kemp on Agency News, Special Session Update, and Continuing Education Programs.

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

Commissioner Easterling moved to go into Closed/Executive session.

Commissioner Laster seconded.

Discussion or comments by commissioners. None.

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

Motion was carried to go into Executive/Closed session at 12:47 p.m.

Executive session was held in the Conference Room located within the Ethics Commission office in the Capitol basement, Rm. B-5.

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Possible Action to return to Open Session.

Commissioner Long moved to reconvene in Open Session at 1:26 p.m.

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 carried.

Nomination, consideration and action on election of Commission Chair for 2017-2018.

Commissioner Stocker moved that Acting Chair Hawkins be elected Chair for 2017-2018.

Commissioner Long seconded.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. None.

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

Motion carried.

Nomination, consideration and action on election of Commission Vice-Chair for 2017-2018.

Commissioner Stocker moved that Commissioner Long be elected Vice-Chair for 2017-2018.

Commission Easterling seconded.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. None.

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

Motion carried.

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Consideration, discussion and possible action on 2018 Commission meeting dates.

Commissioner Long moved to approve the proposed 2018 Commission meeting dates.

Commissioner Laster seconded.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. None.

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

Motion carried.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

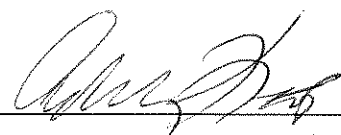
Commissioner Long moved to adjourn.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 1:30 p.m.



ASHLEY KEMP, Executive Director

Approved on Behalf of the Commission:



JOHN HAWKINS, Acting Chair