

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
HELD JUNE 14, 2019

- 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 14, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Chair Karen Long ["Long"] opened the meeting, which was held in Room G41, Jim Thorpe 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 Karen Long, Vice-Chair Charles Laster ["Laster"], John Hawkins ["Hawkins"], Holly Johnson ["Johnson"] and Cathy Stocker ["Stocker"]. A quorum of members was declared.
- Staff & Visitors. Commission staff members present at all or part of the meeting were Ashley Kemp ["Kemp"], Stephanie Black ["Black"] and Ariel Koerner ["Koerner"].
- Observing all or part of the meeting: David Oakley, LegisOK; Barbara Hoberock, Tulsa World; David White, Lobbyist; Denise Lawson, Attorney; Matt Duehning, Senate; Shawn Ashley, eCapitol; Lynn Howell, Common Cause; Arvella Kruges, Senate; 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, public hearing, and executive session held May 10, 2019. Commissioner Stocker moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting and executive session held May 10, 2019.
- Commissioner Hawkins seconded.
- Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Stocker - yes, Hawkins - yes, Long - yes, Laster - yes, Johnson - yes.
- Motion carried.**

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 deny W-19-03, request by Representative Avery Frix for a waiver of Rules for preexisting relationship with Rob Raasch.

Commissioner Johnson seconded.

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

Motion carried.

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 deny W-19-04, request by Representative Chris Sneed for a waiver of Rules for preexisting relationship with Rob Raasch.

Commissioner Johnson seconded.

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

Motion carried.

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 Stocker moved to approve W-19-05, request by Nicole Miller for a waiver of Rules for preexisting relationship with Jennifer Hardin.

Commissioner Johnson seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on fees for FY 20.

Moved to after executive session.

Executive Director's Report.

Report was provided by Executive Director Kemp on agency expenditures for the month of May, 2019 legislation and budget update, FY 20 budget work program, continuing education programs, compliance and outreach.

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 Jim Thorpe Building, room G-41 to discuss the items listed in agenda item 8.

Commissioner Johnson seconded.

Discussion or comments by commissioners. None.

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

Motion was carried to go into Executive/Closed session at 10:17 a.m.

Executive session was held in the Jim Thorpe Building, Room G-41 of the State Election Board.

Director of Compliance Black left Executive/Closed session at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Possible action to return to Open Session.

Commissioner Laster moved to reconvene in Open Session at 11:48 a.m.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

Discussion or comments by Commissioners. None.

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

Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Laster moved the Commission approve the proposed settlement agreement to resolve CV-2019-293.

Commissioner Hawkins seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Laster moved the Commission approve the proposed settlement agreement to resolve CV-2019-292.

Commissioner Hawkins seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on fees for FY 20.

Commissioner Laster moved to lower the registration fees, across the board, to \$100, effective July 1, 2019.

Commissioner Johnson seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-01, recognizing the service of John Hawkins.

Commissioner Laster moved to approve Resolution 2019-01, recognizing the service of John Hawkins.

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma recognizes John Hawkins, a Commissioner of the Oklahoma Ethics Commission who is completing his term of office with the Commission; and

WHEREAS, John Hawkins was appointed to the Oklahoma Ethics Commission by President Pro Tempore Brian Bingman in October of 2014; and

WHEREAS, John Hawkins has served the Ethics Commission for five (5) years with focus and innovation as Commissioner, Vice-Chair, and Chair of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, John Hawkins has provided an invaluable perspective to the Commission as a result of his significant business expertise; and

WHEREAS, John Hawkins came to the Commission with a proven dedication to public service at all levels of government, serving his community of Pryor as co-citizen of the year, earning the Governor's Commendation-Workforce Oklahoma Distinguished Business Person of the Year award and serving on various boards including, but not limited to the Rogers State University Innovation Board, the Pryor Creek Foundation, and the State Youth Council, illustrating John truly has the heart of a servant and an indomitable work ethic; and

WHEREAS, John Hawkins authored the complete revision of the financial disclosure Rules for the State of Oklahoma during his service to the Commission balancing necessary disclosure to help

the public discern potential conflicts of interest while simultaneously providing practical knowledge about the Ethics Rules and resources to new and incumbent elected officers to assist them in avoiding potential areas of conflict.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Ethics Commission formally recognizes the dedication and service of John Hawkins to the Oklahoma Ethics Commission and the citizens of the State of Oklahoma; and

THAT the Ethics Commission expresses its appreciation and gratitude for those contributions wishing him well in all the years to come.

THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED THIS JUNE 14, 2019.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

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

Motion carried.

PROPOSED DRAFT/SUBJECT TO REVISION

Resolution 2019-02, recognizing the service of Karen Long.

Commissioner Laster moved to approve Resolution 2019-02, recognizing the service of Karen Long.

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma recognizes Karen Long, a Commissioner of the Oklahoma Ethics Commission who is completing her second term of office; and

WHEREAS, Karen Long a graduate of Oklahoma City University, distinguished herself in the practice of law first as General Counsel to the Oklahoma Educator's Association and later as an associate and member of Rosenstein, Fist, and Ringold; and

WHEREAS, Karen Long was first appointed to the Oklahoma Ethics Commission by Speaker of the House Chris Benge in 2009, and re-appointed by Speaker of the House Jeff Hickman in 2014, and

WHEREAS, Karen Long has served the Ethics Commission for ten (10) years with leadership and grace as Commissioner, Vice-Chair, and Chair of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Karen Long's tenure at the Commission included significant changes to both the structure and operation of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Karen Long chaired the Commission during the complete revision of the Ethics Rules during 2013, where she coordinated and participated in both formal and informal hearings throughout the state to gather comments, criticisms, and invaluable opinions from

the public and regulated community into the Ethics Rules contributing to greater understanding of the Rules;

WHEREAS, Karen Long resolutely advocated for a Commission that fulfilled its role in state government to both enact Rules of conduct of state officers and employees, campaigns for elective state office, and campaigns for initiative and referenda and to enforce those Rules in a consistent and fair manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Ethics Commission formally recognizes the significant contributions of Karen Long to the Oklahoma Ethics Commission and the citizens of the State of Oklahoma; and

THAT the Ethics Commission expresses its appreciation and gratitude for those contributions and wishes her well in all the years to come.

THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED THIS JUNE 14, 2019.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

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

Motion carried.

New Business.

None.

Adjournment.

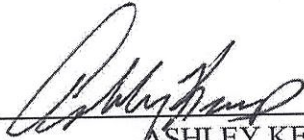
Commissioner Laster moved to adjourn.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

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

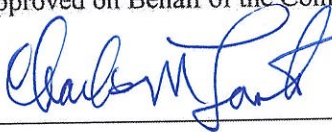
Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 12:14 p.m.



ASHLEY KEMP, Executive Director

Approved on Behalf of the Commission:



CHARLIE LASTER, Acting-Chair