

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
HELD MARCH 9, 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, March 9, 2018, at 10:05 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: Sharon Caldwell, CMA Strategies; Barbara Hoberock, Tulsa World; Caroline Dennis, Senate; Matt Duehning, Senate; Glenn Coffee, Attorney; Meloyde Blancett, House.

Announcement of location:
Commissioners will briefly depart the meeting room for photographs to be taken and no business will be discussed.

Photograph was postponed until after agenda item number 4.

Consideration, discussion, and possible action on procedures for promulgation of Ethics Rules for the 2019 legislative session.

Explanation of procedure for promulgation of Ethics Rules for the 2019 legislative session by Executive Director Kemp.

Commissioner Long moved to approve the proposed procedures to promulgate Ethics Rules and changes to Ethics Rules for delivery during the 2019 legislative session.

Comments and discussion by Commissioners and Staff. Comments by Commissioner Easterling.

Commissioner Easterling seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

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Request by Representative Meloyde Blancett for the Commission to engage in Rulemaking on Rule 2, Campaign Finance Rules, to require disclosure for expenditures intended to influence official action of the Legislature or other official government bodies. Agenda item was postponed until after agenda item number 8.

Consideration, discussion, and possible action on minutes for the regular meeting and executive session held February 5, 2018. Commissioner Laster moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting and executive session held February 5, 2018.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

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

Motion Carried.

Discussion of agency expenditures for the month of February 2018. Explanation of expenditures by Executive Director Kemp.

Executive Director's Report. Report was provided by Executive Director Kemp on 2018 Rule delivery, FY 18 Budget, FY 19 budget request, 2018 candidate filing, State Auditor's final agreed upon procedure's report, and continuing education programs and compliance.

Request by Representative Meloyde Blancett for the Commission to engage in Rulemaking on Rule 2, Campaign Finance Rules, to require disclosure for expenditures intended to influence official action of the Legislature or other official government bodies. Rep. Blancett entered the meeting at 10:27 am. Explanation of Request by Rep. Blancett.

Possible discussion by Commissioners and Staff Discussion by Vice-Chair Long, Commissioner Laster, Executive Director Kemp, and Chair Hawkins.

Announcement of location: Commissioners will briefly depart the meeting room for photographs to be taken and no business will be discussed. The Commission briefly left the meeting room at 10:49 am for photographs to be taken in the rotunda. The Commissioners returned at 10:54 am.

2018 Legislation Report. Explanation of Legislation Report by General Counsel Preslar.

Consideration, discussion and possible action on Closed/Executive session. Commissioner Long 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 B-5.

Commissioner Stocker seconded.

Discussion or comments by commissioners. None.

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

Motion was carried to go into Executive/Closed session at 11:00 a.m.

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

Possible Action to return to Open Session.

Commissioner Laster moved to reconvene in Open Session at 12:07 p.m.

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 carried.

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

Commissioner Long moved to authorize a formal investigation on Complaint C-18-01 based on a determination that there is reasonable cause to believe that the person or persons named in the complaint have violated campaign finance Ethics Rules.

Commissioner Laster seconded.

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 Stocker moved to adjourn.

Vice-Chair Long seconded.

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

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Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 12:08 p.m.



ASHLEY KEMP, Executive Director

Approved on Behalf of the Commission:



JOHN HAWKINS, Chair