



TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING
Formal Hearing Minutes
August 20, 2014, 1:02 p.m.
Capitol Extension, Room E1.014
Austin, Texas 78701



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jim Clancy, Chair; Hugh C. Akin, Wilhelmina Delco, Tom Harrison, Bob Long, Tom Ramsay, and Chase Untermeyer.

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Paul W. Hobby, Vice Chair.

STAFF PRESENT: Natalia Luna Ashley; Margie Castellanos; Homer Diaz; Nicholas Espinosa, Michelle Griffin, Jessica Hurtado; Becky Levy, Bobby Mannas, John Moore, Ian M. Steusloff, and Jim Tinley.

MINUTES

This meeting was recorded. These minutes are a summary record of the Commission's actions at the meeting. For a detailed record of discussions and statements made by persons speaking at the meeting, please consult the audio recordings on file at the Commission's office.

Agenda Item 1: Call to order; roll call.

Chair Clancy announced that the Commission was ready to proceed with a formal hearing on sworn complaints SC-3100246 and SC-31110224. He asked if the respondent was present, and Mr. Gordon answered in the affirmative. The Chair asked if there were any other witnesses. Being none, he swore in Mr. Gordon.

Chair Clancy asked Natalia Luna Ashley, Executive Director, to call the roll. All Commissioners were present except for Vice Chair Hobby.

Agenda Item 2: Formal Hearing notice pursuant to Sections 551.002 and 571.139(b), Government Code, Open Meetings Requirement, and Section 12.117, Ethics Commission Rules. Contested Case Proceeding; In the Matter of John Gordon, Respondent, Sworn Complaint Nos. SC-3100246 and SC-31110224.

Staff presented Exhibits A-W as preliminary matters. There was no objection from the respondent. The Chair admitted Exhibits A-W and asked if the respondent had any exhibits. He did not.

Commission staff proceeded with its opening statement and explained the issues being considered in each complaint. Mr. Gordon then gave his opening statement.

Commission staff called Mr. Gordon as a witness. Mr. Gordon then testified on his own behalf.

Closing argument was presented by Commission staff. Chair Clancy discussed with Commission staff the maximum amount of the penalty that could be imposed for each of the violations.

Mr. Gordon gave his closing argument.

Chair Clancy dismissed the staff and the respondent so the Commission could deliberate. Then Chair called for a vote to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Long. Second by Commissioner Delco. **Motion passed by unanimous consent.**

Agenda Item 3: Adjourn.

Chair Clancy announced that this formal hearing was adjourned and that the Commission would be back at 3:00 p.m. for the first item on the 3:00 p.m. agenda.