



TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Executive Session – Lawsuits - Minutes

August 7, 2015, 9:01 a.m.

Capitol Extension, Room E1.014

Austin, Texas 78701



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Paul W. Hobby, Chair; Chase Untermeyer, Vice Chair; Hugh C. Akin, Jim Clancy, Tom Harrison, Bob Long, and Tom Ramsay.

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Wilhelmina Delco.

MINUTES

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.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hobby. Natalia Luna Ashley, Executive Director, called the roll. All Commissioners except Commissioner Delco were present.

Agenda Item 2: Executive session pursuant to Section 551.071, Government Code, Consultation with Attorneys; Closed Meeting. Discussion of pending litigation to seek legal advice relating to the following:

- A. Cause No. 14-06508-16; *Texas Ethics Commission v. Michael Quinn Sullivan*; in the 158th District Court of Denton County, Texas; and related cases: Cause No. 02-15-00085-CV, *In Re Texas Ethics Commission*, Original Proceeding in the Second Court of Appeals, Fort Worth, Texas; and Cause No. 02-15-00103-CV, *Texas Ethics Commission v. Michael Quinn Sullivan*, in the Second Court of Appeals, Fort Worth, Texas.
- B. Cause No. D-1-GN-14-002665; *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Jim Clancy, Paul W. Hobby, Hugh C. Akin, Wilhelmina Delco, Tom Harrison, Bob Long, Tom Ramsay, and Chase Untermeyer*, in their official capacities as Commissioners of the Texas Ethics Commission, the Texas Ethics Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Natalia Luna Ashley, in her official capacity; in the 345th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas.
- C. Cause No. D-1-GN-14-001252; *Empower Texans, Inc. and Michael Quinn Sullivan v. The State of Texas Ethics Commission, and Natalia Luna Ashley*, in her capacity as Interim Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission; in the 53rd Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas.
- D. Cause No. D-1-GN-09-000251; *Nathan Hecht v. Texas Ethics Commission*; in the 250th Judicial District of Travis County, Texas.

- E. Civil Action No. 5:14-cv-133; *Texas Home School Coalition Association, Inc. v. Matthew D. Powell, in his official capacity as District Attorney of Lubbock County, et al.*; in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Lubbock Division.
- F. Civil Action No. 14-0125; *Joint Heirs Fellowship Church, et al. v. Natalia Ashley, In Her Official Capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission, et al.*; in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division; and related case, Cause No. 14-20630, *Joint Heirs Fellowship Church, et al. v. David Reisman, et al.*, in the United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit.
- G. Civil Action No. 1:13-cv-00916; *Mike Barnes v. Texas Ethics Commission*; in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.
- H. Civil Case No. 2:14-cv-00994; *Lake Travis Citizens Council v. Natalia Ashley, in her official capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission*; in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.

The Commission went into Executive Session at 9:01 a.m.

Agenda Item 3: Reconvene in open session.

The Commission reconvened in open session at 10:22 a.m. No action taken.

Agenda Item 4: Adjourn.

Commission meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.