



TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Prehearing Conference
May 17, 2017, 3:30 p.m.
Capitol Extension, Room E1.014
Austin, Texas 78701



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chase Untermeyer, Chair; Steven D. Wolens, Vice Chair, Hugh C. Akin, Jim Clancy, Chad M. Craycraft, Chris Flood, Mary K. "Katie" Kennedy and Tom Ramsay.

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Anitra Abdullah-Levy, Allicia Anderson, Ron Bennett, Margie Castellanos, Nick Espinosa, Betty Gallegos, Jessie Haug, Ferjie Hontanosas, Jessica Hurtado, Joseph Keeney, Patti Shannon, Ian M. Steusloff, Jim Tinley and Seana Willing.

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.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Untermeyer. All Commissioners were present.

Chair Untermeyer passed the chairing of the meeting to Vice Chair Wolens.

Agenda Item 2: Contested Case Proceeding: Sworn Complaint No. SC-31404104 and Sworn Complaint No. SC-31405130, In the Matter of Sid Miller, Respondent. Prehearing conference.

James Tinley, Assistant General Counsel, briefed the Commission on Sworn Complaint No. SC-31404104. Mr. Tinley stated that he and Mr. Joseph M. Nixon, attorney for Respondent Sid Miller, were able to reach a tentative settlement agreement, where Respondent would pay a \$250 fine, file all needed corrections to his reports as consistent with the Order, and agree to the Findings of Fact and Stipulations of Law, as shown on pages "MILLER1 0157" through "MILLER1 0164." Mr. Nixon agreed.

James Tinley, Assistant General Counsel, briefed the Commission on Sworn Complaint No. SC-31405130. Mr. Tinley stated that he and Mr. Joseph M. Nixon, attorney for Respondent Sid Miller, were able to reach a tentative settlement agreement, where Respondent would pay a \$2,500 fine, file all needed corrections to his reports as consistent with the Order, and agree to the Findings of Fact and Stipulations of Law, as shown on pages "MILLER2 0122" through "MILLER2 0129." Mr. Nixon agreed.

Vice Chair Wolens directed the Commissioners to withdraw to the break room to deliberate. The Commissioners withdrew at 3:40 p.m.

The Commissioners reconvened in open session at 3:42 p.m. Seana Willing, Executive Director, called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

Vice Chair Wolens announced that the Commissioners had agreed by unanimous consent to the settlement of Sworn Complaint No. SC-31404104 under the following terms: Respondent would pay a \$250 fine, file all needed corrections to his reports as consistent with the Order, and agree to the Findings of Fact and Stipulations of Law, as shown on pages "MILLER1 0157" through "MILLER1 0164." Mr. Nixon agreed.

Vice Chair Wolens announced that the Commissioners had agreed by unanimous consent to the settlement of Sworn Complaint No. SC-31405130 under the following terms: Respondent would pay a \$2,500 fine, file all needed corrections to his reports as consistent with the Order, and agree to the Findings of Fact and Stipulations of Law, as shown on pages "MILLER2 0122" through "MILLER2 0129," except for paragraph VII, all to be completed by June 15, 2017. Mr. Nixon agreed.

Vice Chair Wolens returned the chairing of the meeting back to Chair Untermeyer.

Agenda Item 3: Adjourn.

Motion by Chair Untermeyer to adjourn. **Commission meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.