



TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Public Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

10th Floor, Sam Houston State Building
Austin, Texas 78701



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mary K. “Katie” Kennedy, Chair; Randall H. Erben, Vice Chair; Chad M. Craycraft, Chris Flood, Patrick W. Mizell, Richard S. Schmidt, Joseph O. Slovacek, and Steven D. Wolens

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: All Present

STAFF PRESENT: Brandon Barrett, Sonya Caldwell, Margie Castellanos, Carmen Dalpaiz, Betty Gallegos, Jessie Haug, Cristina Hernández, Jordan Hunn, J.R. Johnson, Natalie McDermon, Amy Padilla, Margaret Sanchez, Patti Shannon, Aiden Shaughnessy, Jim Tinley and Bill Wilson.

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 Kennedy. J.R. Johnson, General Counsel, called the roll. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Mizell, who joined the meeting during Agenda Item 2.

Agenda Item 2: Executive session pursuant to Section 551.074, Government Code, Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting.

- A. Discussion of personnel matters specifically related to acceptance of resignation of Executive Director, appointment of Interim or Acting Executive Director, and possible appointment of committee to interview applicants for Executive Director.
- B. Discussion of merit payments to Commission employees.
- C. Reconvene in open session.

Reconvened in open session at 1:50 pm. Motion by Vice Chair Erben to appoint J.R. Johnson as Interim Executive Director; second by Commissioner Flood. **Motion passed unanimously.** Motion by Vice Chair Erben to appoint Jim Tinley as Interim General Counsel; second by Commissioner Schmidt. **Motion passed unanimously.** Motion by Vice Chair Erben to post vacancies for the positions of Executive Director and General Counsel of the Texas Ethics Commission, and to appoint Chair Kennedy and Vice Chair Erben to the interview committee; second by Commissioner Mizell. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda Item 3: Update on funding for replacement of Commission computer servers and status of Commission electronic filing system and other technical issues.

J.R. Johnson, Interim Executive Director, briefed the Commissioners on this agenda item. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 4: Adjourn.

Motion by Vice Chair Erben to adjourn; second by Commissioner Schmidt. **Commission meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm.