



**ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
July 24, 2012**

The Ethics Review Commission convened in a regularly called meeting on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Room 1027, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Henson called the Commission meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Board members in Attendance:

Chair James Henson, Austin Kaplan, Donna Beth McCormick, James Sassin, Velva Price, and James Ruiz (Einhorn absent).

There were no speakers for agenda item 1 (Citizen Communication).

Regarding agenda item 2, motion by Price, second by Kaplan to approve the April 17, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion passed 6-0.

Regarding agenda item 3.A., motion by McCormick, second by Price, to elect Austin Kaplan chair. Motion passed 6-0. The group expressed its gratitude to Henson for his many years of service as chair.

Regarding agenda item 3.B., Henson provided a report regarding the 2012 candidate forum. There was no runoff, so there was not a second forum. Encouraged the ERC to do more promotion in the future.

Regarding agenda item 3.C., staff member Sabine Romero discussed the new Ethics Review Commission jurisdiction effective August 1, per Council action on April 26.

Regarding agenda item 3.D., commissioners had a discussion regarding the City Statement of Financial Information form and whether the city form is necessary or too long. Discussion tabled.

Regarding agenda item 3.E., commissioners had a discussion regarding the need for new city campaign finance forms, per Council action on April 26 and May 24. Motion by Price, second by Henson, to name commissioners James Ruiz and Peter Einhorn as a working group to prepare forms for the next meeting. ERC will meet October 2.

Regarding agenda item 4, commissioners requested a discussion of rules, the statement of financial information discussion, and forms to be on the next agenda.

Motion to adjourn passed 6-0.