



ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
February 5, 2013**

The Ethics Review Commission convened in a special called meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Room 1027, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Kaplan called the Commission meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Peter Einhorn, Dennis Speight, Austin Kaplan, Donna Beth McCormick, Velva Price, James Ruiz, and James Sassin (6:14pm).

Regarding agenda item 1, there were no speakers for citizen communication.

Regarding agenda item 2, motion by Speight, second by Price to approve minutes. Motion passed 6-0, with Sassin off the dais.

Regarding agenda item 3.A. and 3.D., Chair Kaplan took up these two items together. Discussion followed. Motion by Price, second by Einhorn to recommend: code change to 2-7-72 and wherever referenced to change the date for city personal financial filing annual filing to “no later than April 30”; removal of mid-year reporting in light of ongoing recusal requirements; and request the City Clerk provide a side-by-side that compares the city and state form and apprise Commission of filing compliance. Kaplan and Price directed to draft letter to Council on Commission’s behalf reflecting these recommendations. Motion passed 7-0.

Regarding agenda item 3.C., Vice Chair Price provided an overview of past Commission rules and recommended updates. Vice Chair Price will prepare revised rules for the next meeting.

Regarding agenda item 3.D., Commissioners discussed current council travel reporting requirements. Dennis Speight and Donna Beth McCormick designated as Working Group to prepare revisions for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm on a motion by Einhorn, second by Price, motion passed 7-0.