



ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, July 30, 2013**

The Ethics Review Commission convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Room 1029, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Kaplan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commission members in attendance: Chair Austin Kaplan, Vice Chair Velva Price (present at 6:22 p.m.), Donna Beth McCormick, James Ruiz, James Sassin, and Dennis Speight. Not present: Peter Einhorn.

Staff in Attendance: Assistant City Attorney Cynthia Tom, Commission Staff Liaison; Assistant City Attorney Sabine Romero.

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

Regarding agenda item 2: motion by Commission Member Speight, second by Commission Member Ruiz to approve 4/30/13 regular meeting minutes. Motion passed 5-0. Vice Chair Price not yet present.

Regarding agenda item 3.a.: Assistant City Attorney Tom informed the Commission that there had been no City Council action on Recommendation No. 20130205-3A (Recommended Changes to Personal Financial Filings), and Recommendation No. 20130430-4 (Recommended Changes To Travel Reporting Requirements). The Commission took no action on this item.

Regarding agenda item 3.b.: discussion occurred, but no action was taken on the item. Vice Chair Price stated that the hearings rules working group would work to bring a draft of the revised hearings rules to the full Commission at the next regular Commission meeting.

Regarding item 4.a.: discussion occurred regarding the Commission by-laws and Commission complaint receipt procedures, but no action was taken.

Regarding item 4.b.: Chair Kaplan briefed the Commission members on the upcoming Commission officer elections to be held at the next regular Commission meeting. The Commission took no action on this item.

Regarding item 4.c.: Assistant City Attorney Tom briefed the Commission on the Ethics Resource Center City of Austin 2010 Ethics Survey Report of Findings. The Commission took no action on this item.

Regarding item 4.d.: Assistant City Attorney Tom briefed the Commission on the City Boards and Commissions e-mail use policy. The Commission took no action on this item.

Regarding item 4.e.: Assistant City Attorney Tom briefed the Commission on the City Boards and Commissions attendance policy. The Commission took no action on this item.

Regarding item 5.: members discussed future agenda items, to include: Commission hearings rules, officer elections, regular meeting schedule for 2014, upcoming City elections schedule, and report from City donations working group consisting of Commission Members Einhorn and Sassin.

Vice Chair Price moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Commission Member McCormick seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.