



ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 10, 2016**

The Ethics Review Commission (“Commission”) convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, at City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Room 1027, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Austin Kaplan called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Commission members in attendance: Austin Kaplan, Peter Einhorn, Meagan Harding, Matthew Lamon, Donna Beth McCormick, J. Michael Ohueri, Paul Quinzi, Kenneth Smith, Dennis Speight, Robert Stratmann, and Brian Thompson.

City Staff in Attendance: Assistant City Attorney Cynthia Tom, Staff Liaison Jessica Aranda, City Clerk Jannette Goodall, and City Records Manager Bob Guz.

Item No. 1: There were no speakers for general citizen communication.

Item No. 3.b.: Chair Kaplan took up Item No. 3.b. out of order. Chair Kaplan expressed his intent to resign from his position as chair of the Commission, and the Commission held emergency officer elections. Commission Member Speight made a motion to nominate Vice Chair Einhorn for chair, which was seconded by Commission Member Stratmann. The motion passed on an 11-0 vote. Chair Einhorn made a motion to nominate Commission Member Lamon as vice chair, which was seconded by Commission Member McCormick. The motion passed on an 11-0 vote.

Item No. 3.a.: Newly elected Chair Einhorn took up item No. 3.a. out of order and read a resolution expressing the Commission’s appreciation of Commission Member Kaplan’s service to the Commission. Chair Einhorn made a motion to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Commission Member McCormick. The motion passed on an 11-0 vote.

Commission Member Kaplan left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Item No. 2.a.: City Clerk Goodall and City Records Manager Guz briefed the Commission regarding proposed amendments to Chapter 2-2 of City Code (Campaign Finance) and associated proposed revisions to the City’s campaign finance forms. Commission Member Stratmann made a motion to adopt a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed amendments to Chapter 2-2 of City Code, which was seconded by Commission Member Thompson. The motion passed on a 10-0 vote. Commission Member Kaplan not present.

Item No. 2.b.: Commission Member McCormick briefed the Commission on the 2016 City Council election candidate forum planning process.

Item No. 4: The Commission discussed future agenda items to include: amendments to Chapter 2-2, Chapter 4-8, and Chapter 2-7 of City Code.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.