



**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 7, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M.  
ONE TEXAS CENTER, ROOM 325, 505 BARTON SPRINGS ROAD, AUSTIN, TEXAS**

**CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

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| Chair Peter Einhorn  | Vice Chair Meagan Harding | Secretary Robert “Ben” Stratmann |
| Debra Danburg        | Fredda Holmes             | Mary Kahle                       |
| Donna Beth McCormick | J. Michael Ohueri         | Luis Soberon                     |
| Dennis Speight       | Brian Thompson            |                                  |

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**1. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Ethics Review Commission may announce it will go into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to receive advice from legal counsel on any matters specifically listed on this agenda (Private Consultation with Attorney-Section 551.071).

The Commission may go into executive session to discuss legal issues related to:

- a. Scope of Commission’s authority when a complainant has requested to withdraw a complaint.
- b. Complaints filed November 28, 2017, by Fred Lewis against Respondents, David J. Anderson, Leah Bojo, Amanda Brown, Peter Cesaro, Stephen Drenner, Laci Ehlers, David Hartman, Will Herring, Jeff Howard, John Joseph, Michele Lynch, Pamela Madere, Nikelle Meade, Steve Metcalfe, Mark Nathan, Julianne Nickells, Amanda Swor, Michael Whellan and Talley Williams alleging violation of City Code, Chapter 4-8 (Regulation of Lobbyists), specifically a violation of Section 4-8-6 (A)(2) (Activity Reports) of City Code Chapter 4-8 (Regulation of Lobbyists).
- c. Amendments to City Code Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure) related to the ERC’s subpoena power
- d. A complaint filed on April 25, 2017, by Nathan Wiebe against Margo Frasier alleging violation of City Code Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure), including witness and evidentiary issues under City Code Section 2-7-46 (Oaths and Requests for Information) relating to the final hearing on the complaint.

## **2. PRELIMINARY HEARINGS**

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

- a. Discussion or possible action, including to convene a preliminary hearing on Complaints filed November 28, 2017, by Fred Lewis against Respondents, David J. Anderson, Leah Bojo, Amanda Brown, Peter Cesaro, Stephen Drenner, Laci Ehlers, David Hartman, Will Herring, Jeff Howard, John Joseph, Michele Lynch, Pamela Madere, Nikelle Meade, Steve Metcalfe, Mark Nathan, Julianne Nickells, Amanda Swor, Michael Whellan and Talley Williams alleging violation of City Code, Chapter 4-8 (Regulation of Lobbyists), specifically a violation of Section 4-8-6 (A)(2) (Activity Reports) of City Code Chapter 4-8 (Regulation of Lobbyists).

## **3. OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

- a. Amendments to City Code Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure) in related to the Commission's subpoena power.
- b. Videotaping and broadcast of ERC meetings on ATXN (City's government access channel via television and internet).
- c. Commission's 2018 regular meeting schedule.

## **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Candidate and Officeholder Brochure.
- b. Recommendations, if any, to the Charter Review Commission regarding campaign finance, ethics, and financial disclosure.
- c. Amendments to City Code Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure) regarding the Commission's authority to dismiss complaints when withdrawn by the complainant.

## **5. GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

The first five speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

## **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 10, 2018 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND FUTURE SPECIAL CALLED OR REGULAR MEETINGS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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For more information on the Ethics Review Commission, please contact Sue Palmer at (512) 974-2915 or Lynn Carter at (512) 974-2171.