

## **Regular Meeting of the Ethics Review Commission**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 3:00 – 4:30 PM**

### **Ethics Review Commission meeting to be held June 10, 2020 with Social Distancing Modifications**

Public comment will be allowed via telephone; no in-person input will be allowed. **All speakers must register in advance no later than Tuesday, JUNE 9, 2020 by Noon.** All public comment will occur at the beginning of the meeting.

To speak remotely at the **June 10, 2020 ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION** Meeting, persons must:

- Call or email the board liaison at **512.974.2915** and [sue.palmer@austintexas.gov](mailto:sue.palmer@austintexas.gov) no later than noon, (the day before the meeting). The information required is the speaker name, item number(s) they wish to speak on, whether they are for/against/neutral, and a telephone number or email address.
- Once a request to speak has been called in or emailed to the board liaison, residents will receive either an email or phone call providing the telephone number to call on the day of the scheduled meeting.
- Speakers must call in at least 15 minutes prior to meeting start in order to speak; late callers will not be accepted and will not be able to speak.
- Speakers will be placed in a queue until their time to speak.
- Handouts or other information may be emailed to [sue.palmer@austintexas.gov](mailto:sue.palmer@austintexas.gov) by Noon the day before the scheduled meeting. This information will be provided to Board and Commission members in advance of the meeting.
- If this meeting is broadcast live, residents may watch the meeting here:  
<http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>



**ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION  
JUNE 10, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING**

**CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Chair Mary Kahle  
Debra Danburg  
Robin Lerner  
Nathan Ryan

Vice-Chair Luis Soberon  
Betsy Greenberg  
Donna Beth McCormick  
Pedro A. Villalobos

Secretary Kenneth “Tray” Gober  
Raafia Lari  
J. Michael Ohueri

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, all citizen communications will occur at the beginning of the meeting. Speakers are limited to a maximum time limit of three minutes per speaker only on items listed below.

**1. NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

- a. 2020 Austin city council candidate forums.
- b. Election of Commission officers.
- c. Working group status reports and/or recommendations.
  - i. Working group one (Commissioners Greenberg, Ohueri, and Lerner) on the following subjects:
    - Commission sanctions including effectiveness, past cases, and recommendations.
    - Potential amendments to City Code, Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure).
  - ii. Working group two (Vice Chair Soberon, Secretary Gober, and Commissioner Raafia) on the following subjects:
    - Commission procedures including effectiveness, past cases, and recommendations.
    - Scope of work of the Commission (powers, duties, and obligations), including effectiveness, past cases, and recommendations.
    - Potential amendments to the Rules of the Ethics Review Commission.
    - Best practices for city attorney opinions including effectiveness, past cases, and recommendations.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 12, 2020 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

Discussion and possible action regarding the minutes for the February 12, 2020 regular commission meeting

## **3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Meeting locations are planned with wheelchair access. If requiring Sign Language Interpreters or alternative formats, please give notice at least two (2) days (48 hours) before the meeting date. Please call Sue Palmer at the Law Department, at (512) 974-2915 for additional information; TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711.

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