

**ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Austin City Hall, Boards & Commissions Room, # 1101
301 W 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Some members of the Ethics Review Commission may be participating by videoconference.

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CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Chair Luis Soberon
Debra Danburg
Raafia Lari
Nguyen Stanton

Vice-Chair Mary Kahle
Betsy Greenberg
Michael Lovins
Mikki Teneyuca

Secretary Robin Lerner
Mary Kahle
Donna Beth McCormick
Sidney Williams*

* Indicates a recently appointed member who may not be qualified to serve by the time of this meeting. Before participating in a board meeting, members must complete required training and sign an oath of office.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There is no limit on the number of speakers who may speak on agenda items. A maximum of ten persons will be allowed to speak during general citizen communications on non-agenda items. Each person must register to speak prior to the call to order of the meeting. Each speaker who registers to speak will be allowed three minutes to speak. Please also see the “**NOTICE Regarding Citizen Communication and Public Testimony**” at the end of this agenda.

1. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

- a. Scheduling the Commission’s November and December regular meetings.
- b. Adopting a meeting calendar for 2022.
- c. Timing and process for evaluating and making recommendations to Council on dollar limits established in Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance) in accordance with City Code subsection (A)(5) of Section 2-7-30 (Duties).
- d. Content of the agenda for future meetings.

2. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

- a. Draft Op-Ed by the Working Group on Race, Identity, and Equity
- b. Draft Commission Statement on Equity, Access, and the Need for Reform by the Working Group on Race, Identity, and Equity
- c. Working group status reports and/or recommendations on the following.
 - i. Working Group on Sanctions, Procedures, and other Issues (Chair Soberon, Secretary Lerner, and Commissioners Greenberg, Stanton, and Teneyuca) on the following subjects:
 - Commission sanctions including effectiveness, past cases, and recommendations.
 - Potential amendments to City Code, Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure).
 - 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.
 - ii. Working Group on Race, Identity, and Equity (Commissioners Kahle, Lari, and Soberon) status report and/or recommendations on addressing issues of race, identity, and equity including:
 - planning for presentations or trainings by the Equity Office; ommission sanctions including effectiveness, past cases, and recommendations.
 - helping focus the Commission's evaluation of racial injustice and how the Commission can operate more fairly and effectively in light of racial injustice.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 14, 2021, JULY 14, 2021, and SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 COMMISSION MEETINGS

Discussion and possible action regarding the minutes for:

- (a) the April 14, 2021 regular commission meeting;
- (b) the July 14, 2021 regular commission meeting; and
- (c) the September 22, 2021 special-called commission meeting.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Lynn Carter at (512) 974-2171.

ERC STANDARD CITIZEN COMMUNICATION INSTRUCTIONS

NOTICE Regarding Citizen Communication and Public Testimony:

Sign-in required: Please sign in to speak with the staff liaison prior to the meeting being called to order. Please indicate the item or items on the agenda on which you are speaking, if you are speaking on an agenda item. A speaker who fails to indicate an agenda item on which the speaker desires to speak will be called to speak during General Citizen Communication.

Time Limits: Speakers are limited to a maximum time limit of three minutes per speaker. A time period of six minutes will be allowed for a speaker who addresses the Commission through a translator or a speaker who needs an accommodation of a disability.

General Citizen Communication Speakers: A maximum of ten persons may speak during general citizen communications at the beginning of the meeting on any topic. Speakers will be called in the order in which the speaker signed up.

Citizen Communication or Public Testimony on a Numbered Agenda Item: A speaker who signs up to speak on a numbered agenda item will be called to speak at the beginning of the meeting, or secondly, at the beginning of the agenda item and will be called in the order in which the speaker(s) signed up. Speaker comments must be relevant to the agenda item.