



**ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026**

The Ethics Review Commission convened in a Regular Called meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at Austin City Hall, Boards & Commissions Room #1101, at 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Pumfrey called the Ethics Review Commission Meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance In-Person: Chair Ross Pumfrey, Secretary Jefferey Campbell and Commissioners Luis Figueroa, William King, Haksoon Andrea Low, and Cytnhia Soliz.

Commissioners Attending Remotely: Commissioner Michael Lawson.

Commissioners Absent: Vice-Chair Brittany Sharkey and Commissioners Patrick Keel and Brian McGiverin.

Staff in Attendance: Victoria Hayslett, Executive Liaison & Assistant City Attorney; Lizette Benitez, Staff Liaison.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No one signed up to speak during public communication.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Ethics Review Commission may announce it will go into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to receive advice from legal counsel and discuss any matter listed in this agenda.

1. The Ethics Review Commission may announce it will go into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to receive advice from legal counsel to discuss: review of the Chair's initial decision that the Commission lacks jurisdiction over a complaint filed on August 24, 2026, by Eduardo Romero against José Velásquez, which alleges violations of City Code Sections 2-7-62(O) (*Standards of Conduct*), 2-3-5(A)(2), 2-3-5(C) (*Powers and Duties*).

The Commission entered Executive Session at 6:24 pm. Commissioner Lawson was not present during Executive Session. The Commission convened closed session at 6:57 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approve the minutes of the Ethics Review Commission Special Called Meeting on July 9, 2026.

Commissioner Low's motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Vice-Chair Sharkey. The minutes were approved on a 7-0 vote of all members present. Voting in favor: Chair Pumfrey, Secretary Campbell and Commissioners Figueroa, King, Lawson, Low and Soliz. Vice-Chair Sharkey and Commissioners Keel and McGiverin were absent.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Discussion and possible action regarding review of the Chair's initial jurisdictional determination that the Commission lacks jurisdiction over a complaint filed on August 24, 2026, by Eduardo Romero against José Velásquez, which alleges violations of City Code Sections 2-7-62(O) (*Standards of Conduct*), 2-3-5(A)(2), 2-3-5(C) (*Powers and Duties*).

Commissioner King's motion to uphold Chair Pumfrey's jurisdictional decision was seconded by Secretary Campbell. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote of all members present. Voting in favor: Chair Pumfrey, Secretary Campbell, and Commissioners Figueroa, King, Lawson, Low and Soliz. Vice-Chair Sharkey and Commissioners Keel and McGiverin were absent.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding campaign finance issues related to deadlines for financial reports, required financial forms for candidates, and campaign contributions from married couples.

Commissioner Soliz' motion that the Commission approves Chair Pumfrey sending out an email to all candidates, explaining the issue of contributions by individuals and attaching a list of dates for campaign finance reporting deadlines, was seconded by Commissioner Figueroa. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote of all members present. Vice-Chair Sharkey and Commissioners Keel and McGiverin were absent.

WORKING GROUP UPDATE

5. Update from the Working Group to Review ERC Complaints Process (Commissioners Figueroa, Lawson, Low, McGiverin and Soliz).

Commissioner Low provided an update to the Commission and requested the City Auditor's office attend the next Regular Commission meeting. No further action was taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pumfrey adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m. without objection.

The preceding amended minutes were approved on a 7-0 vote of all members present at the October 28, 2026 Regular Commission meeting on Vice-Chair Sharkey's motion and Commissioner King's second. Secretary Campbell and Commissioners McGiverin and Soliz were absent.