

TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION
P.O. Box 12070, Austin, Texas 78711-2070
(512) 463-5800

Mary K. “Katie” Kennedy, Chair
Randall H. Erben, Vice Chair
Chad M. Craycraft
Chris Flood

Patrick W. Mizell
Richard S. Schmidt
Joseph O. Slovacek
Steven D. Wolens

MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time: 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 15, 2023
Location: Room E1.014, Capitol Extension, Austin, Texas

**INFORMATION ON HOW TO VIEW AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN THE ONLINE
BROADCAST OF THIS MEETING WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE ON THE
DAY OF THE MEETING HERE:**

https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/meetings/meetings_2020-2024.php#2023

1. Call to order; roll call.
2. **Executive session pursuant to Section 551.071, Government Code, Consultation with Attorneys, and Section 551.074, Government Code, Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting.**
 - A. Discussion of pending litigation to seek legal advice relating to the following:
 - i. Cause No. D-1-GN-17-001878: *Texas Ethics Commission v. Michael Quinn Sullivan*, in the 250th Judicial District Court in Travis County, Texas; Cause No. 03-17-00392-CV: *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Third Court of Appeals at Austin, Texas; Cause No. 03-21-00033, *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Third Court of Appeals at Austin, Texas; and Cause No. 18-0580: *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Supreme Court of Texas.
 - ii. Cause No. D-1-GN-15-004455: *Texas Ethics Commission v. Empower Texans, Inc. and Michael Quinn Sullivan*, in the 345th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas; and related case, Cause No. 03-16-00872-CV: *Empower Texans, Inc., and Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Third Court of Appeals, Austin, Texas.
 - iii. Cause No. D-1-GN-21-003269, *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the 459th Judicial District Court in Travis County, Texas; and related case, Cause No. 03-22-00133-CV: *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Third Court of Appeals, Austin, Texas.

For more information, contact J.R. Johnson, Executive Director, at (512) 463-5800.

- iv. Cause No. 1:22-cv-1371, *Orlando Salinas v. J.R. Johnson, et al.*, in the U.S District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.
- v. Cause No. 22-CV-1130, *Matt Wiggins v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the 122nd Judicial District of Galveston County, Texas.
- vi. Cause No. 1:22-cv-1166, *Robert Bruce, Bryan Slaton and Grayson County Conservatives PAC v. J.R. Johnson, et al.*, in the U.S District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.

- B. Discussion to receive legal advice regarding lawsuits filed against Commissioners in their official capacity.
- C. Discussion of contemplated litigation and to seek legal advice regarding the collection of imposed penalties.
- D. Discussion of contemplated litigation and to seek legal advice regarding the enforcement of Section 253.007 of the Election Code.
- E. Discussion of personnel matters.
- F. Reconvene in open session.

3. Adjourn.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that I have reviewed this document and that it conforms to all applicable Texas Register filing requirements. Certifying Official & Agency Liaison: J.R. Johnson, Executive Director.

NOTICE: Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, an individual with a disability must have an equal opportunity for effective communication and participation in public meetings. Upon request, the Texas Ethics Commission will provide auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the deaf and hearing impaired, readers, and large print or Braille documents. In determining the type of auxiliary aid or service, the Commission will give primary consideration to the individual's request. Those requesting auxiliary aids or services should notify Margie Castellanos at (512) 463-5800 or RELAY Texas at (800) 735-2989 two days before this meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Please also contact Ms. Castellanos if you need assistance in having English translated into Spanish.