



TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Prehearing Conference

October 13, 2016, 1:58 p.m.
Capitol Extension, Room E1.014
Austin, Texas 78701



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chase Untermeyer, Chair; Hugh C. Akin, Jim Clancy, Chad M. Craycraft, Wilhelmina Delco, Mary K. "Katie" Kennedy, Tom Ramsay, and Steven D. Wolens.

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Anitra Abdullah-Levy, Alicia Anderson, Natalia Luna Ashley, Margie Castellanos, Nick Espinosa, Betty Gallegos, Lauren Gregorcyk, Jessie Haug, Ferjie Hontanosas, Jessica Hurtado, Joseph Keeney, John Moore, Patti Shannon, Ian M. Steusloff, and Jim Tinley.

MINUTES

This meeting was recorded. These minutes are a summary record of the Commission's actions at the meeting. For a detailed record of discussions and statements made by persons speaking at the meeting, please consult the audio recordings on file at the Commission's office.

Agenda Item 1: Call to order; roll call.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Untermeyer. Natalia Luna Ashley, Executive Director, called the roll. All Commissioners were present except Commissioners Clancy and Wolens, who both joined the proceedings shortly afterward.

Agenda Item 2: Contested Case Proceeding: Sworn Complaint No. SC-3120485 and Sworn Complaint No. SC-3120486, In the Matter of Empower Texans d.b.a. Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, Respondent. Prehearing conference.

Chair Untermeyer briefed the Commission on this agenda item, and stated that the Commissioners would withdraw to the break room to deliberate. Joseph Nixon, attorney for Respondent, objected, stating that the Respondent had two issues to address, including the counterclaim and the reasons for dismissal. Chair Untermeyer stated that Respondent's Motion was not part of the Hearing Notice and is not the issue before the Commission today, and directed the Commissioners to withdraw to the break room. The Commissioners withdrew at 2:02 p.m.

The Commissioners reconvened in open session at 2:22 p.m. Chair Untermeyer announced that Sworn Complaint Nos. SC-3120485 and SC-3120486 were dismissed by a vote of seven ayes, with Commissioner Wolens recusing himself, on the grounds that there was insufficient credible evidence to prove the violations occurred by the preponderance of the evidence.

Agenda Item 3: Adjourn.

Motion by Commissioner Ramsay to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Delco. **Commission meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.