



## TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

### Executive Session

March 27, 2018, 2:00 p.m.  
Capitol Extension, Room E1.014  
Austin, Texas 78701



**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Steven D. Wolens, Chair; Chad M. Craycraft, Vice Chair; Jim Clancy, Randall H. Erben, Chris Flood, Mary K. “Katie” Kennedy, Tom Ramsay and Joseph O. Slovacek.

**COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Seana Willing, Executive Director; Ian M. Steusloff, General Counsel.

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### MINUTES

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 Wolens. Seana Willing, Executive Director, called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

**Agenda Item 2: Executive session pursuant to Section 551.071, Government Code, Consultation with Attorneys, and Section 551.074, Government Code, Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting.**

**Agenda Item 3: Discussion of pending litigation to seek legal advice relating to the following:**

- A. Cause No. D-1-GN-17-001878: *Texas Ethics Commission v. Michael Quinn Sullivan*, in the 250<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court in Travis County, Texas; and Cause No. 03-17-00392-CV: *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Third Court of Appeals at Austin, Texas.
- B. Cause No. D-1-GN-14-001252: *Empower Texans, Inc. and Michael Quinn Sullivan v. State of Texas Ethics Commission; Natalia Luna Ashley, in her capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission; Tom Ramsay, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner; et al.*; in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas; and related case, Cause No. 03-17-00770-CV: *Empower Texans, Inc., and Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Tom Ramsay in his individual capacity, et al.*; in the Third Court of Appeals, Austin, Texas.
- C. Cause No. D-1-GN-15-004455: *Texas Ethics Commission v. Empower Texans, Inc. and Michael Quinn Sullivan*, in the 345<sup>th</sup> 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.

D. Civil Action No. 5:14-cv-00133-C: *Texas Home School Coalition Association, Inc. v. Matthew D. Powell, in his official capacity as District Attorney of Lubbock County, et al.*, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Lubbock Division.

E. Cause No. D-1-GN-16-000149: *Texas Home School Coalition Association, Inc. v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the 261<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas; and related case, Cause No. 03-17-00167-CV: *Texas Home School Coalition Association, Inc. v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Third Court of Appeals, Austin, Texas.

F. Cause No. 2017-CR-01930: *State of Texas v. Carlos A. Elizondo*, in the 107th Judicial District Court of Cameron County, Texas.

**Agenda Item 4: Discussion of personnel matters related to Executive Director, General Counsel and/or Director of Enforcement.**

**Agenda Item 5: Discussion and seeking legal advice regarding referrals and orders under Subchapter F (Enforcement), Chapter 571, Texas Government Code.**

**Agenda Item 6: Reconvene in open session.**

The Commission reconvened in open session. No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 7: Adjourn.**

Motion by Chair Wolens to adjourn. **Commission meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.