



## TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

### Executive Session Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2021, 1:00 p.m.  
Capitol Extension, Room E1.014  
Austin, Texas 78701



**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Mary K. “Katie” Kennedy, Chair; Randall H. Erben, Vice Chair; Chad M. Craycraft, Chris Flood, Patrick W. Mizell, Richard S. Schmidt, Joseph O. Slovacek and Steven D. Wolens

**COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Anne Temple Peters, Executive Director and J.R. Johnson, 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 Kennedy. Anne Temple Peters, Executive Director, called the roll. All Commissioners were present; Commissioners Craycraft and Schmidt arrived while the Executive Session was in closed session.

### **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.**

#### **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; 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 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.**

**B. Discussion of personnel matters.**

**C. Reconvene in open session.**

The Commission reconvened in open session at 1:29 p.m.

**Agenda Item 3: Adjourn.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.