



**ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 12, 2010**

The Ethics Review Commission convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Room 1029 in Austin, Texas.

Chair Henson called the Commission meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Chair Jim Henson, Vice Chair Lisa Tsai, Velva Price and Abu Hafiz.

* Commission Members Susan Morrison and James Sassin were absent.

Staff in Attendance: Sabine Romero, Assistant City Attorney

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION.

Agenda item 1: No citizen communication.

2. APPROVAL OF APRIL 13, 2010 MINUTES

Agenda item 2: The minutes for the April 13, 2010 meeting were tabled because only Chair Henson and Commission Member Price present who were in attendance at that meeting thus the Commission lacked a quorum.

For the August 24, 2010 meeting, Commission Member Price asked that the minutes show the meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Commission Member Price moved to approve the minutes with these changes. Vice Chair Tsai seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Agenda item 3: Review City Clerk's Schedule V. Assistant City Attorney Sabine Romero gave the Commission a short briefing on changes proposed by the City Clerk's office to Schedule V based on the recent changes made to Section 2-2-22 of the City Code. The City Clerk's office has changed the form in order to provide space for candidates to include more than one bundler. The Commission requested that staff advise the City Clerk's office that candidates should be instructed to attach additional forms if they have either more bundlers or contributors than spaces allocated on the form. Vice Chair Tsai moved that Schedule V be approved. Commission Member Price seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Agenda item 4(a): Initial discussion regarding planning candidate forums for 2011 Council races. The commission had a general discussion concerning holding a candidate forum prior to the 2011

Council races. Vice Chair Tsai will be contacting Austin Energy to begin the process for the placing of announcements in utility billing. Commission Members Price and Morrison will be contacting the League of Women Voters who co-sponsored the forums in the past. There was additional discussion concerning the venue for the forum and possible methodologies for improving attendance at the forum including contacting local media outlets to provide additional publicity, and the government departments at the local universities and colleges to encourage more attendance by younger voters.

- b. Agenda item 4(b): Possible opportunity for ERC to support Ken Mory, City Auditor. Chair Henson advised the Commission he has been contacted by City Auditor Ken Mory. Mr. Mory advised Chair Henson that pending City Council approval he may be seeking the Commission's input concerning a review committee of one of the City boards.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda item 5: Future Agenda Items. Approval of the minutes for the April 13, 2010 and October 12, 2010 Ethics Review Commission meetings. Discussion of support materials for potential candidates, discussion with a representative from the League of Women Voters concerning the upcoming candidate forum, and the promotion and scheduling of the candidate forum.

6. ADJOURN

Chair Henson adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.