



**ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING
September 17, 2012**

The Ethics Review Commission convened in a special called meeting on Monday, September 17, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Room 1033, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Kaplan called the Commission meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Board members in Attendance:

Chair Austin Kaplan, Donna Beth McCormick, James Sassin, Peter Einhorn, James Ruiz, and Dennis Speight.

There were no speakers for agenda item 1 (Citizen Communication).

Regarding agenda item 2 (Discussion and possible action regarding approving new campaign finance reporting forms), working group member James Ruiz provided the ERC with an overview of the four forms in backup: Schedule T (Special Pre-Election Report), Schedule T-1 (Special Pre-Election Political Committee Report), Schedule V (Persons Soliciting Contributions On Your Behalf), and Schedule Z (Special Report of Expenditures Not By A Candidate). Chair Kaplan thanked working group members Ruiz and Einhorn for their effort. Staff member Sabine Romero provided a background on the ordinances that prompted each form revision or new form. The Chair recognized Chip Rosenthal for public comment on the agenda item. The Commissioners continued with discussion of the proposed forms, including discussion to combine and rename T and T-1 as S to avoid conflicting with state form T; adding an attestation to S; and discussion about what fields are required in form V. Motion by Kaplan, second by McCormick to approve forms S, V, and Z as amended, with the addition of a hyperlink in Schedule Z when all code references are available online. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Sassin, seconded by Speight adjourn, motion passed 6-0, at 7:20 p.m.