



ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING
Wednesday, June 8, 2016**

The Ethics Review Commission (“Commission”) convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Room 1027, in Austin, Texas.

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

Commission members in attendance: Chair Peter Einhorn, Vice Chair Matthew Lamon, Secretary Robert “Ben” Stratmann, Meagan Harding, Donna Beth McCormick, J. Michael Ohueri, and Kenneth Smith.

City Staff in Attendance: Commission Executive Liaison & Assistant City Attorney Cynthia Tom, Commission Staff Liaison Jessica Aranda, and City Auditor’s Office Chief of Investigations Nathan Wiebe.

Item No. 1: There were no speakers for general citizen communication.

Item No. 2.a.: Secretary Stratmann made a motion to make a recommendation to Council to amend Chapter 2-7 of City Code (Ethics and Financial Disclosure) to provide the parties to Ethics Review Commission complaints with additional clarity and transparency regarding the necessity of complete and accurate information needed by the Commission to process a sworn complaint, which was seconded by Commission Member Smith. The motion passed on a 7-0 vote with Commission Members Danburg, Quinzi, Speight, and Thompson absent.

Item No. 2.b.: Executive Liaison Tom briefed the Commission regarding the draft ordinance to amend Chapter 2-2 of City Code (Campaign Finance) relating to direct campaign expenditures. The Commission took no action to make a new recommendation to Council regarding direct campaign expenditures, as the Commission had previously made Recommendation No. 20151110-004 to Council regarding the same subject matter.

Item No. 3: Commission Member Ohueri made a motion to cancel the July 2016 regular Commission meeting, which was seconded by Commission Member Harding. The motion passed on a 7-0 vote with Commission Members Danburg, Quinzi, Speight, and Thompson absent.

Item No. 4: The Commission discussed future agenda items to include: possible recommendation to Council regarding subpoena powers for the Office of the City Auditor, update on amendments to Chapter 2-7 of City Code, approval of minutes from past meetings, and preliminary hearings on two pending complaints.

Vice Chair Lamon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commission Member Harding. The motion passed on a 7-0 vote with Commission Members Danburg, Quinzi, Speight, and Thompson absent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.