



**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION
APRIL 12, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, ROOM 1027
301 W. 2ND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Chair Peter Einhorn	Vice Chair Matthew Lamon	Secretary Robert “Ben” Stratmann
Debra Danburg	Meagan Harding	Fredda Holmes
Donna Beth McCormick	J. Michael Ohueri	Paul Quinzi
Dennis Speight	Brian Thompson	

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission will go into executive session to discuss legal issues related to a complaint filed on February 17, 2017, by Nathan Wiebe against Ashley Buchanan alleging violation of City Code Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure) (Private consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

2. PRELIMINARY HEARING

Discussion and possible action regarding the following: the Commission will convene a preliminary hearing under Section 2-7-44 of the City Code to consider a complaint filed on February 17, 2017, by Nathan Wiebe against Ashley Buchanan alleging violation of City Code Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure).

3. GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The first five speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

- a. City Code Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance) and City Charter, Article III (Elections), Section 8 (Limits on Campaign Contributions and Expenditures), including report from working group and possible recommendation to Council regarding proposed amendments to City Code Section 2-2-2 (Definitions) and Section 2-2-7 (Commencement of Campaign Period).

- b. City Code Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure) and City Code Section 2-1-24 (City Boards: Conflict of Interest and Recusal), including expansion of the charge of the existing Commission working group associated with City Code Chapter 2-7 to also include City Code Section 2-1-24, and possible report from the working group regarding proposed City Code amendments.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

- a. Introduction of new Commission Member Fredda Holmes.
- b. Annual Commission officer elections, for terms of May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018.
- c. Revision of the City's Statement of Financial Information forms, filed in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure).
- d. Revision of Commission complaint form and instructions relating to complaints filed in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure).
- e. Charges and membership of past, existing, and potential future Commission working groups, including working groups related to campaign finance, ethics and financial disclosure, lobbying, candidate forums, and Commission hearing rules.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 8, 2017 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Ethics Review Commission, please contact Sue Palmer at (512) 974-2915 or Cynthia Tom at (512) 974-3042.