



**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.
ONE TEXAS CENTER, ROOM 325, 505 BARTON SPRINGS ROAD, AUSTIN, TEXAS**

CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Chair Mary Kahle
Debra Danburg
Raafia Lari
J. Michael Ohueri

Vice-Chair Luis Soberon
Peter Einhorn
Robin Lerner
Pedro A. Villalobos

Secretary Kenneth "Tray" Gober
Betsy Greenberg
Donna Beth McCormick

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Ethics Review Commission may announce it will go into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to receive advice from legal counsel on any matters specifically listed on this agenda (Private Consultation with Attorney-Section 551.071).

2. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

- (a) Commission sanctions including effectiveness, past cases, and recommendations.
- (b) Commission procedures including effectiveness, past cases, and recommendations.
- (c) Scope of work of the Commission (powers, duties, and obligations), including effectiveness, past cases, and recommendations.
- (d) Case reviews generally involving past hearings on complaints before the Commission.
- (e) Potential amendments to City Code, Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure).
- (f) Potential amendments to the Rules of the Ethics Review Commission.
- (g) Best practices for city attorney opinions including effectiveness, past cases, and recommendations.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 14, 2019 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5. GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Each person who signed up to speak prior to the meeting being called to order and who designated this item on which to speak, or who did not designate an agenda item on which to speak will be allowed two-minutes to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

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Citizen Communication Notice: Citizen communications will be allowed at the beginning of each agenda item for a time period of two minutes per speaker. A time period of four minutes will be allowed for a speaker who addresses the Commission through a translator or a speaker who needs an accommodation of a disability.

Sign-in required: Prior to the beginning of the meeting, speakers must complete a sign-in sheet for each item on the agenda on which the speaker desires to speak. A speaker who fails to indicate an agenda item on a sign-in sheet will be called to speak during General Citizen Communications, the last item on the agenda.

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