

# NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION DECEMBER 11, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. CITY HALL, ROOM 1027, 301 W. 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS

# **CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Chair Mary Kahle Vice-Chair Luis Soberon Secretary Kenneth "Tray" Gober

Debra Danburg Betsy Greenberg Raafia Lari

Robin Lerner Donna Beth McCormick J. Michael Ohueri

Nathan Ryan Pedro A. Villalobos

# **AGENDA**

# **CALL TO ORDER**

#### GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

A maximum of ten persons will be allowed to speak during general citizen communications. Each person must sign up to speak prior to the meeting being called to order. Sign-in requirements and time limits per speaker are described in the "Notice Regarding Citizen Communication and Public Testimony". See pages 2-3 of this document.

#### 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).

The Commission may go into executive session to discuss legal issues related to:

- a. A complaint filed by Matthew Mackowiak, against Natasha Harper-Madison, which complaint alleges violation of City Code Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance) Section 2-2-7 (Commencement of Campaign Period).
- b. The Chair's initial determination that the Commission lacks jurisdiction over a complaint filed by Mackenzie Kelly against Jimmy Flannigan, which alleges a violation of City Code Section 2-1-24 (Conflict of Interest and Recusal).
- c. Evidentiary issues and scheduling of final hearing related to a complaint filed by Robert Mark Littlefield against Unconventional Austin SPAC, which complaint alleges violation of City Code Chapter 2-2 (Campaign) Section 2-2-32 (Reporting of Direct Campaign Expenditures).

# 2. PRELIMINARY HEARING

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

A complaint filed by Matthew Mackowiak, against Natasha Harper-Madison, which complaint alleges violation of City Code Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance) Section 2-2-7 (Commencement of Campaign Period).

#### 3. JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

The Chair's initial determination that the Commission lacks jurisdiction over a complaint filed by Mackenzie Kelly against Jimmy Flannigan, which alleges a violation of City Code Section 2-1-24 (Conflict of Interest and Recusal).

# 4. FINAL HEARING<sup>1</sup>

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

Evidentiary issues and scheduling of final hearing related to a complaint filed by Robert Mark Littlefield against Unconventional Austin SPAC, which complaint alleges violation of City Code Chapter 2-2 (Campaign) Section 2-2-32 (Reporting of Direct Campaign Expenditures).

# 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 9, 2019 AND NOVEMBER 13, 2019 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETINGS

#### 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Meeting locations are planned with wheelchair access. If requiring Sign Language Interpreters or alternative formats, please give notice at least two (2) days (48 hours) before the meeting date. Please call Sue Palmer at the Law Department, at (512) 974-2915 for additional information; TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711.

# **NOTICE Regarding Citizen Communication and Public Testimony:**

<u>Sign-in required</u>: 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 or for general citizens communication. A speaker who fails to indicate an agenda item on a sign-in sheet will be called to speak during General Citizen Communication.

<u>Time Limits</u>: Speakers are limited to a maximum time limit of three minutes per speaker. A time period of six minutes will be allowed for a speaker who addresses the Commission through a translator or a speaker who needs an accommodation of a disability. (Continued on next page)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No final hearing will take place due to the chair's granting of a postponement request; however, scheduling and evidentiary issues may be discussed and action may be taken.

<u>General Citizen Communication Speakers</u>: A maximum of ten persons may speak during general citizen communications at the beginning of the meeting on any topic. Speakers will be called in the order in which the speaker signed up.

<u>Citizen Communication or Public Testimony on a Numbered Agenda Item</u>: A speaker who signs up to speak on a numbered agenda item will be called to speak at the beginning of the agenda item and will be called in the order in which the speaker signed up. Speaker comments must be relevant to the agenda item.

For more information on the Ethics Review Commission, please contact Sue Palmer at (512) 974-2915 or Lynn Carter at (512) 974-2171.