Versión en español a continuación.

Regular Meeting of the Ethics Review Commission

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Ethics Review Commission **to be held January 13, 2021 with Social Distancing Modifications**

Public comment will be allowed via telephone; no in-person input will be allowed. **All speakers must register in advance no later than Tuesday, JANUARY 12, 2021** by noon**.** All public comment will occur at the beginning of the meeting.

To speak remotely at the January 13, 2021 **Ethics Review Commission** Meeting, members of the public must:

•Call or email the board liaison at **512.974.2915 and sue.palmer@austintexas.gov** no later than noon, (the day before the meeting). The following information is required: speaker name, item number(s) they wish to speak on, whether they are for/against/neutral, email address and telephone number (must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).

•Once a request to speak has been made to the board liaison, the information to call on the day of the scheduled meeting will be provided either by email or phone call.

•Speakers must call in at least 15 minutes prior to meeting start time in order to speak, late callers will not be accepted and will not be able to speak.

•Speakers will be placed in a queue until their time to speak.

•Handouts or other information may be emailed to sue.palmer@austintexas.gov by noon the day before the scheduled meeting. This information will be provided to Board and Commission members in advance of the meeting.

•If the meeting is broadcast live, it may be viewed here: **http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live**

Reunión del ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION

FECHA de la reunion January 13, 2021

La junta se llevará con modificaciones de distanciamiento social.

Se permitirán comentarios públicos por teléfono; no se permitirá ninguna entrada en persona. Todos los oradores deben registrarse con anticipación **January 12, 2021** antes del mediodía. Todos los comentarios públicos se producirán al comienzo de la reunión.

Para hablar de forma remota en la reunión, los miembros del público deben:
• Llame o envíe un correo electrónico al enlace de la junta en **512.974.2915 and sue.palmer@austintexas.gov** a más tardar al mediodía (el día antes de la reunión). Se requiere la siguiente información: nombre del orador, número (s) de artículo sobre el que desean hablar, si están a favor / en contra / neutral, dirección de correo electrónico (opcional) y un número de teléfono (debe ser el número que se utilizará para llamar).

• Una vez que se haya realizado una solicitud para hablar con el enlace de la junta, la información para llamar el día de la reunión programada se enviará por correo electrónico o por teléfono.

• Los oradores deben llamar al menos 15 minutos antes del inicio de la reunión para poder hablar, no se aceptarán personas que llamen tarde y no podrán hablar.

• Las oradoras esperarán en una fila hasta que llegue el momento de hablar.

• Los folletos u otra información pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a **sue.palmer@austintexas.gov** antes del mediodía del día anterior a la reunión programada. Esta información se proporcionará a los miembros de la Junta y la Comisión antes de la reunión.

• Si la reunión se transmite en vivo, se puede ver aquí: http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live

ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION
JANUARY 13, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING

CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Chair Luis Soberon	Vice-Chair J. Michael Ohueri	Secretary Kenneth "Tray" Gober
Debra Danburg	Betsy Greenberg	Mary Kahle
Raafia Lari	Robin Lerner	Donna Beth McCormick
Nathan Ryan	Pedro A. Villalobos	

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

A maximum of ten persons will be allowed to speak during general citizen communications on non-agenda items. Each person must register to speak by using the procedures described on the preceding pages of this document. Each speaker who registers to speak on an agenda item no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed three minutes to speak. The first ten speakers who register to speak by noon the day before the meeting and who did not specify an agenda item will also be allowed three minutes to speak. Please also see the "**NOTICE Regarding Citizen Communication and Public Testimony**" at the end of this agenda.

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:

(a) Complaints filed by Mark Littlefield against Peck Young, Voices of Austin, which complaints allege violation of City Code Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance) Section 2-2-33 (Disclosure Statement Required).

(b) Complaints filed by Mark Littlefield against Ellen Wood, Had Enough Austin PAC and Ellen Wood, Fight for Austin PAC, which complaints allege violations of City Code Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance) Sections 2-2-3 (Conformity with Texas Election Code) and 2-2-32 (Reporting of Direct Campaign Expenditures).

(c) A complaint filed by Mark Littlefield against Save Austin Now, which complaint alleges violation of City Code Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance) Section 2-2-23 (Political Committees).

2. PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

(a) A complaint filed by Mark Littlefield against Save Austin Now, which complaint alleges violation of City Code Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance) Section 2-2-23 (Political Committees).

(b) Complaints filed by Mark Littlefield against Ellen Wood, Had Enough Austin PAC and Ellen Wood, Fight for Austin PAC, which complaints allege violations of City Code Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance) Sections 2-2-3 (Conformity with Texas Election Code) and 2-2-32 (Reporting of Direct Campaign Expenditures).

(c) Complaints filed by Mark Littlefield against Peck Young, Voices of Austin, which complaints allege violation of City Code Chapter 2-2 (Campaign Finance) Section 2-2-33 (Disclosure Statement Required).

3. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action regarding the following:

a. Working group status reports and/or recommendations on the following.

i. Working group one (Vice-Chair Ohueri and Commissioners Greenberg and Lerner) on the following subjects:

- Commission sanctions including effectiveness, past cases, and recommendations.
- Potential amendments to City Code, Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure).

ii. Working group two (Chair Soberon and Secretary Gober) on the following subjects:

- Commission procedures including effectiveness, past cases, and recommendations.
- Scope of work of the Commission (powers, duties, and obligations), including effectiveness, past cases, and recommendations.
- Potential amendments to the Rules of the Ethics Review Commission.
- Best practices for city attorney opinions including effectiveness, past cases, and recommendations.

iii. Equity Working Group (Commissioners Kahle, Lari, and Ryan) status report and/or recommendations on: addressing issues of race, identity, and equity including: (i) planning for presentations or trainings by the Equity Office; (ii)

helping focus the Commission's evaluation of racial injustice and how the Commission can operate more fairly and effectively in light of racial injustice.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 14, 2020 AND NOVEMBER 18, 2020 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETINGS.

(a) Discussion and possible action regarding the minutes for the October 14, 2020 regular commission meeting.

(b) Discussion and possible action regarding the minutes for the November 18, 2020 regular commission meeting.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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.

For more information on the Ethics Review Commission, please contact Sue Palmer at (512) 974-2915 or Lynn Carter at (512) 974-2171.
(See next page for ERC Citizen Communication Instructions.)

ERC STANDARD CITIZEN COMMUNICATION INSTRUCTIONS (revised for virtual meeting purposes):

NOTICE Regarding Citizen Communication and Public Testimony:

Sign-in required: Please see the first two pages of this agenda for speaker registration/sign-in instructions. A speaker who fails to indicate an agenda item on which the speaker desires to speak will be called to speak during General Citizen Communication.

Time Limits: 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.

General Citizen Communication Speakers: 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.

Citizen Communication or Public Testimony on a Numbered Agenda Item: A speaker who signs up to speak on a numbered agenda item will be called to speak at the beginning of the meeting, or secondly, 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.