



TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING

Workshop Minutes

December 2, 2014, 8:35 a.m.
Sam Houston Building, Room 865
201 E. 14th St., Austin, Texas 78701



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Paul W. Hobby, Chair; Chase Untermeyer, Vice Chair; Hugh C. Akin, Jim Clancy, Wilhelmina Delco, Tom Harrison, Bob Long, and Tom Ramsay.

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Natalia Luna Ashley, Amy Barden, Jessie Haug, Becky Levy, and Robbie Douglas.

MINUTES

This meeting was recorded. These minutes are a summary record of the Commission's actions at the meeting. For a detailed record of discussions and statements made by persons speaking at the meeting, please consult the audio recordings on file at the Commission's office.

Agenda Item 1: Call to order; roll call.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hobby. Natalia Luna Ashley, Executive Director, called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

Agenda Item 2: Introduction and comments by the Chair.

None.

Agenda Item 3: Presentation on the new electronic filing system project by RFD & Associates, Inc.

Erik Dietz with RFD & Associates, Inc., gave an overview of the project's status. Tom Lynch, Scott T. Glover, and Leah Leveridge, all with RFD & Associates, Inc., provided assistance with navigating through the demonstration of the new electronic filing software as it currently exists. The Commissioners had various questions and comments regarding the new electronic filing system and how it would relate to the various filers. Those questions were addressed by Natalia Luna Ashley, Executive Director; RFD & Associates, Inc. staff; and Jessie Haug, Director of Computer Services. Staff informed the Commissioners that a January "go live" date would be too risky, as there has not been thorough testing of all components of the new software. Staff indicated that March would be a more feasible release date.

Agenda Item 4: Commissioners discussion and possible action on the new electronic filing system.

Commissioners made comments about the new system and some of its functions, including implementation of the new forms with the release of the software. Commissioner Long moved that the Commission will not enforce use of the new forms until the new electronic filing system is implemented; second by Commissioner Delco. **Motion passed by a vote of eight ayes.**

Agenda Item 5: Communication to the Commission from the public.

None.

Agenda Item 6: Comments by the Commissioners.

None.

Agenda Item 7: Adjourn.

Motion by Commissioner Ramsay to adjourn; second by Commissioner Long. **Motion passed by unanimous consent.**

Commission meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.