



TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Prehearing Conference Minutes

June 11, 2015, 2:55 p.m.

Capitol Extension, Room E1.014

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: Anitra Abdullah-Levy, Natalia Luna Ashley, Margie Castellanos, Katie Drummond, Nick Espinosa, Jessica Hurtado, Bobby Mannas, John Moore, Patti Shannon, Ian M. Steusloff, and Jim Tinley.

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. Chair Hobby stated that he would allow 30 minutes per side, and he encouraged no interruptions by either side.

Agenda Item 2: Contested Case Proceeding: Sworn Complaint No. SC-3120485 and Sworn Complaint No. SC-3120486, In the Matter of Empower Texans (DBA Texans for Fiscal Responsibility), Respondent. Prehearing conference.

John Moore, Director of Enforcement, briefed the Commission on this agenda item. Joe Nixon, Respondent's counsel, stated that he expected a court reporter to be present. Chair Hobby responded with comments. The prehearing conference proceeded. Mr. Moore completed his presentation.

Chair Hobby explained a Prehearing Conference proceeding.

Mr. Nixon, Respondent's counsel, briefed the Commission.

Discussion proceeded between Chair Hobby, Commissioners Clancy, Harrison and Ramsay, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Nixon. Motion by Commissioner Clancy to grant Staff's Motion to Compel and instruct the Commission to report to the Travis County District Courts the failure of Empower Texans and Michael Quinn Sullivan to comply with subpoenas, limited to numbers 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 16 and 19 of the subpoenas; second by Commissioner Ramsay. **Motion passed by a vote of eight ayes.**

Mr. Nixon and Trey Trainor, Respondent's counsel, requested that the Commission rule on Respondent's and Michael Quinn Sullivan's Objections and Motion to Quash. Motion by Commissioner Harrison to deny Respondent's and Michael Quinn Sullivan's Objections and Motion to Quash; second by Vice Chair Untermeyer. **Motion passed by a vote of eight ayes.**

Agenda Item 3: Adjourn.

Motion by Commissioner Harrison to adjourn; second by Commissioner Delco. **Motion passed by unanimous consent.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.