



**TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Prehearing Conference Minutes**  
September 15, 2020, 11:35 a.m.  
Via Teleconference



**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Chad M. Craycraft, Chair; Mary K. “Katie” Kennedy, Vice Chair; Randall H. Erben, Chris Flood, Patrick W. Mizell, Richard S. Schmidt, and Steven D. Wolens

**COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT:** Joseph O. Slovacek.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Margie Castellanos, Nick Espinosa, Betty Gallegos, Jessie Haug, Cristina Hernández, Jordan Hunn, J.R. Johnson, Haksoon Andrea Low, Natalie McDermon, Amy Padilla, Anne Temple Peters, Lindsay Powers, Patti Shannon, Jim Tinley, and Preston Tom.

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**MINUTES**

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 Craycraft. Anne Temple Peters, Executive Director, called the roll. All Commissioner were present except Commissioner Slovacek, who was absent due to medical illness.

**Agenda Item 2: Contested Case Proceeding: Sworn Complaint No. SC-3180254, In the Matter of Robert L. “Bob” Hall, III, Respondent. Prehearing conference.**

Chair Craycraft briefed the Commission on this agenda item. Tony McDonald, attorney for Respondent, addressed the Commission on Respondent’s Motion for Hearing Before SOAH and Motion for Issuance of Subpoenas. James Tinley, Assistant Director of Enforcement, responded. Mr. Tinley addressed the Commission on the Commission Staff’s Motion for Summary Disposition. Mr. McDonald responded. Commissioner Wolens asked a question, to which Mr. McDonald responded.

The Commissioners went into closed session at 11:46 a.m. to deliberate. The Commissioners reconvened in open session at 1:01 p.m. Respondent's Motion for Hearing Before SOAH was denied. Respondent's Motion for Issuance of Subpoenas was denied without prejudice for failure to state good cause. Commission Staff's Motion for Summary Disposition was taken under advisement and will be taken up at the Formal Hearing.

**Agenda Item 3: Adjourn.**

Motion by Chair Craycraft to adjourn. **Commission meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.