



## TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

### Executive Session Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2013, 11:30 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County

1900 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002



**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Jim Clancy, Chair; Paul W. Hobby, Vice Chair; Hugh C. Akin, Paula M. Mendoza, and Chase Untermeyer.

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Tom Harrison, Bob Long, and Tom Ramsay.

**Agenda Item 1: Call to order; roll call.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Clancy. David A. Reisman, Executive Director, called the roll. All Commissioners were present, except for Commissioners Harrison, Long, and Ramsay.

**Agenda Item 2: Executive session pursuant to Section 551.071, Government Code, Consultation with Attorneys; Closed Meeting. Discussion of pending litigation to seek legal advice relating to the following: Empower Texans, Inc. and Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission, in the District Court of Travis County, Texas, 126<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Cause No. D-1-GN-13-003095.**

Executive session started at 11:32 a.m.

**Agenda Item 3: Reconvene in open session.**

Reconvened in open session at 12:38 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Mendoza for the Commission to hire outside counsel; second by Commissioner Akin. **Motion passed by a vote of five ayes.**

Motion by Commissioner Mendoza to authorize Chair Clancy and Vice Chair Hobby to select and hire outside counsel appropriate for defense of the Ethics Commission; second by Commissioner Akin. **Motion passed by a vote of five ayes.**

Motion by Commissioner Mendoza to direct David A. Reisman, Executive Director, to explore options available within existing appropriations to pay for outside counsel; second by Commissioner Akin. **Motion passed by a vote of five ayes.**

**Agenda Item 4: Adjourn.**

Motion by Commissioner Akin to adjourn; second by Commissioner Mendoza. **Motion passed by unanimous consent.**