



TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Afternoon Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2013, 1:33 p.m.

Capitol Extension, Room E1.010

Austin, Texas 78701



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

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Paula M. Mendoza resigned as of October 31, 2013.

STAFF PRESENT: Natalie Adelaja, Natalia L. Ashley, Amy Barden, Lauren Bellomy, Margie Castellanos, Homer Diaz, Robbie Douglas, Sue Edwards, Nick Espinosa, Jessie Haug, Becky Levy, Bobby Mannas, Mike McElhaney, Melissa Ramos, David A. Reisman, and Ian Steusloff.

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 Clancy. David A. Reisman, Executive Director, called the roll. All Commissioners were present, except for Commissioner Mendoza.

Agenda Item 2: Briefing, discussion, and possible action to waive or reduce certain penalties assessed for late-filing of campaign finance reports, lobby reports, or personal financial statements for the following individuals:

**1. Bonnie C. Hellums (00026747)
Family District Judge**

Report: personal financial statement due April 30, 2013
Penalty: \$500
Categorization: waiver of the late-filing penalty

**2. Kenneth F. Sheets (00066290)
State Representative**

Report: special session report due September 4, 2013
Penalty: \$500
Categorization: reduction of the late-filing penalty to \$150

**3. Marisa Finley (00059543)
Lobbyist**

Report: lobby activities report due October 10, 2013
Penalty: \$500
Categorization: waiver of the late-filing penalty

**4. Paul Hardin (00069008)
Lobbyist**

Report: lobby activities report due October 10, 2013
Penalty: \$500
Categorization: waiver of the late-filing penalty

**5. Reynaldo Lee Moreno (00056486)
Lobbyist**

Report: lobby activities report due October 10, 2013
Penalty: \$500
Categorization: waiver of the late-filing penalty

**6. Richard B. Lawson (00015611)
Treasurer, Verizon Communications Inc. Good Government Club – Texas**

Report: monthly report due October 7, 2013
Penalty: \$500
Categorization: reduction of the late-filing penalty to \$100

**7. Tim Morstad (00053402)
Lobbyist**

Report: lobby activities report due September 10, 2013
Penalty: \$500
Categorization: reduction of the late-filing penalty to \$100

**8. Emily Horne (00067186)
Lobbyist**

Report: lobby activities report due October 10, 2013
Penalty: \$500
Categorization: reduction of the late-filing penalty to \$100

**9. John Seago (00065349)
Lobbyist**

Report: lobby activities report due October 10, 2013
Penalty: \$500

Categorization: reduction of the late-filing penalty to \$100

10. Laura Huffman (00065420)
Lobbyist

Report: lobby activities report due September 10, 2013

Penalty: \$500

Categorization: reduction of the late-filing penalty to \$100

11. David P. Dodson (00065488)
Treasurer, ACE Cash Express Texas PAC

Report: monthly report due November 5, 2013

Penalty: \$500

Categorization: no waiver of the late-filing penalty

12. Terry Canales (00065230)
State Representative

Report: special session report due August 29, 2013

Penalty: \$500

Categorization: no waiver of the late-filing penalty

13. Anthony Burks (00067408)
Member, Manufactured Housing Board

Report: personal financial statement due April 30, 2013

Penalty: \$500

Categorization: no waiver of the late-filing penalty

14. Alan K. Sandersen (00062122)
Member, Veterans Land Board

Report: personal financial statement due April 30, 2013

Penalty: \$1,500 (increased at the October 2013 meeting)

Categorization: no waiver of the late-filing penalty

15. Chase H. Morgan (00067651)
Treasurer, 'CPFA PAC' Conroe Professional Firefighters Association - Political Action Committee

Report: 8-day pre-election report due October 28, 2013

Penalty: \$500

Categorization: reduction of the late-filing penalty to \$100

16. Joseph Mark Roach (00028200)**Treasurer, 'ABC TCB PAC' Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc., Texas Coastal Bend PAC**

Report: 30-day pre-election report due October 7, 2013
 Penalty: \$500
 Categorization: reduction of the late-filing penalty to \$400

17. Vernie R. 'Troy' Glasson, IV (00032546)**Treasurer, 'TABA Home - PAC' Temple Area Builders Assn. Home - PAC**

Report: 8-day pre-election report due September 13, 2013
 Penalty: \$3,100
 Categorization: reduction of the late-filing penalty to \$600

Motion by Commissioner Ramsay to adopt categorizations on Agenda Item 2, numbers 1 through 17; second by Commissioner Harrison. Motion passed by a vote of seven ayes. **Categorizations are adopted on Agenda Item 2, numbers 1 through 17.**

For Agenda Item 3, the following represents the actions taken by the Ethics Commission in the order they occurred during the meeting.

Agenda Item 3: Briefing, discussion, and possible action to waive or reduce late-filing penalties in connection with certain corrected reports or to determine whether certain corrected reports as originally filed substantially complied with the applicable law for the following individuals:

4. Kimberly K. Yturri (00068192)**Treasurer, 'CVC-PAC' Conservative Values Coalition PAC**

a) Report: 8-day pre-election report due October 29, 2012 (original filed late; paid \$600)
 Penalty: \$9,400
 Recommendation: reduction to \$1,000

b) Report: 8-day pre-election report due May 3, 2013
 Penalty: \$10,000
 Recommendation: reduction to \$1,000

Total penalties: \$19,400
 Total recommended reduced penalties: \$2,000

Trey Blocker, Attorney for Kimberly Yturri, spoke before the Commission. Motion by Commissioner Harrison to waive all penalties on Agenda Item 3, number 4; second by Commissioner Akin. Motion passed by a vote of seven ayes. **The waiver of all penalties is adopted on Agenda Item 3, number 4.**

**1. Mary Marusik (00058234)
Treasurer, Texans For Good Leaders**

Report: 8-day pre-election report due October 28, 2013
Penalty: \$500
Recommendation: substantial compliance

**2. Allan B. Ritter (00069429)
Treasurer, Water Texas PAC**

Report: 8-day pre-election report due October 28, 2013
Penalty: \$800
Recommendation: substantial compliance

**3. Kathryn A. 'Toy' Wood (00015700)
Treasurer, 'GHBA HOME-PAC' GHBA HOME-PAC**

Report: 8-day pre-election report due October 28, 2013
Penalty: \$1,300
Recommendation: substantial compliance

Motion by Vice Chair Hobby to approve the recommendations based on previous Commission decisions on Agenda Item 3, numbers 1 through 3; second by Commissioner Long. Motion passed by a vote of seven ayes. **The recommendations based on previous Commission decisions are adopted on Agenda Item 3, numbers 1 through 3.**

Agenda Item 4: Comments by the Executive Director.

None.

Agenda Item 5: Comments by Commissioners.

None.

Agenda Item 6: Adjourn.

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