



TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING

Executive Session Minutes

December 2, 2014, 9:43 a.m.

Capitol Extension, Room E2.010

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.

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 Hobby. Natalia Luna Ashley, Executive Director, called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

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:

- A. Cause No. 14-06508-16; Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Natalia Luna Ashley, in her official capacity, in the 16th District Court of Denton County, Texas.
- B. Cause No. D-1-GN-14-002665; Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Jim Clancy, Paul W. Hobby, Hugh C. Akin, Wilhelmina Delco, Tom Harrison, Bob Long, Tom Ramsay, and Chase Untermeyer, in their official capacities as Commissioners of the Texas Ethics Commission, the Texas Ethics Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Natalia Luna Ashley; in her official capacity, in the 345th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas.
- C. Cause No. D-1-GN-14-001252; Empower Texans, Inc. and Michael Quinn Sullivan v. The State of Texas Ethics Commission, and Natalia Luna Ashley, in her official capacity as Interim Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission, in the 53rd Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas.

- D. Cause No. D-1-GN-09-000251; Nathan Hecht v. Texas Ethics Commission, in the 250th Judicial District of Travis County, Texas.
- E. Civil Action No. 5:14-cv-133; Texas Home School Coalition Association, Inc. v. MATTHEW D. POWELL, in his official capacity as District Attorney of Lubbock County, et al., in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Lubbock Division.
- F. Civil Case No. 1:12-cv-00566; United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Catholic Leadership Coalition of Texas, *et al.*, *Plaintiffs – Appellants* v. David A. Reisman, in his official Capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission, *et al.*, *Defendants – Appellees*.
- G. Civil Action No. 14-0125; United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division; Joint Heirs Fellowship Church, *et al.*, *Plaintiffs* v. Natalia Ashley, In Her Official Capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission, *et al.*, *Defendants*.
- H. Civil Action No. 1:13-cv-00916; United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division; Mike Barnes, *Plaintiff* v. Texas Ethics Commission, *Defendant*.
- I. Case No. 2:14-cv-00994; Lake Travis Citizens Council, *Plaintiff*, v. Natalia Ashley, in her official capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission, *Defendant*; In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas Austin Division.

The Commission went into Executive Session at 9:44 a.m.

Agenda Item 3: Reconvene in open session.

The Commission reconvened in open session at 10:28 a.m. No motions were made.

Agenda Item 4: Adjourn.

Chair Hobby asked for any motions, and hearing none, he adjourned the Executive Session.