



TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Executive Session

February 1, 2016, 8:37 a.m.
Capitol Extension, Room E1.014
Austin, Texas 78701



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

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Wilhelmina Delco.

STAFF PRESENT: Natalia Luna Ashley, Executive Director.

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 except Commissioner Delco 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; *Texas Ethics Commission v. Michael Quinn Sullivan*; in the 158th District Court of Denton County, Texas; and related case, Cause No. 02-15-00103-CV, *Texas Ethics Commission v. Michael Quinn Sullivan*, in the Second Court of Appeals, Fort Worth, 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, and 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, Natalia Luna Ashley, in her capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission, Tom Ramsay, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner, Paul Hobby, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner, Hugh C. Akin, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner, James T. Clancy, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner, Wilhelmina R. Delco, individually and in her capacity as Commissioner, Warren T. Harrison, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner, Robert K. Long, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner, and Charles G. Untermeyer, individually and in his capacity as Commissioner*; in the 53rd Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas.

- D. Cause No. D-1-GN-15-004455; *Texas Ethics Commission v. Empower Texans and Michael Quinn Sullivan*; in the 345th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas.
- E. Civil Action No. 5:14-cv-00133-C; *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. Cause No. D-1-GN-16-000149, *Texas Home School Coalition Association, Inc. v. Texas Ethics Commission*; in the 261st Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas.
- G. Civil Action No. 4:14-00125; *Joint Heirs Fellowship Church, et al. v. Natalia Ashley, In Her Official Capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission, et al.*; in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division; and related case, Cause No. 14-20630, *Joint Heirs Fellowship Church, et al. v. David Reisman, et al.*, in the United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit.
- H. Civil Action No. 1:13-cv-00916; *Mike Barnes v. Texas Ethics Commission*; in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division; and related case, Cause No. D-1-GN-15-003454; *Mike Barnes v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the 201st Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas.
- I. Civil Case No. 1:14-cv-00994-LY; *Lake Travis Citizens Council v. Natalia Ashley, in her official capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission*; in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.
- J. Cause No. DC-15-14322, *Monty Bennett v. Nicholas Espinosa*, in the 44th Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas.

The Commission went into Executive Session at 8:37 a.m.

Agenda Item 3: Reconvene in open session.

The Commission reconvened in open session at 9:13 a.m. No action taken.

Agenda Item 4: Adjourn.

Commission meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.