



TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2010, 12:38 p.m.

Capitol Extension, Room E1.010, Austin, Texas 78701



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Paula M. Mendoza, Chair; Jim Graham, Vice Chair; Jim Clancy, Wilhelmina Delco, Tom Harrison, George H. "Trey" Henderson, III, Tom Ramsay, and Chase Untermeyer.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Natalie Adelaja, Natalia L. Ashley, Amy Barden, Margie Castellanos, Homer Diaz, Susana Esparza, Ginger Hunter, Brad Johnson, Bobby Mannas, David A. Reisman, Veronica Scott, Tim Sorrells, Ian Steusloff, and Mary Young.

MINUTES

This formal hearing was tape recorded. These minutes are a summary record of the commission's actions at the hearing. For a detailed record of discussions and statements made by persons speaking at the hearing, please consult the audio tapes on file at the commission's office.

Formal hearing notice pursuant to Sections 551.002 and 571.139(b), Government Code, Open Meetings Requirement, and Section 12.117, Ethics Commission Rules. Texas Ethics Commission v. Justin Rodriguez., related to alleged violations under Title 15, Election Code, and being held in accordance with Section 571.126(b)(1) and Sections 571.129 through 571.132, Government Code.

Chair Mendoza called the Commission to order. She stated that the Commission was ready to proceed with a formal hearing on sworn complaint SC-290227. The chair asked if the respondent was present. The respondent was present. The chair stated that the Commission could proceed with the hearing.

Commission staff offered Exhibits A through J and asked that they be admitted into evidence. Commission staff proceeded with its case by presenting a brief overview of the facts and the issue for consideration: whether the respondent failed to disclose an in-kind political contribution.

The respondent then proceeded with his case.

The Commission adjourned to deliberate. The Commission determined by a preponderance of the evidence that the respondent committed a technical or *de minimis* violation of section 254.031(a)(1) of the Election Code and imposed a \$225 civil penalty.

The formal hearing adjourned.