



TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Formal Hearing

May 29, 2013, 1:04 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 ABSENT: Paula M. Mendoza

STAFF PRESENT: Natalie Adelaja, Natalia L. Ashley, Amy Barden, Lauren Bellomy, Margie Castellanos, Homer Diaz, Nick Espinosa, Brad Johnson, Bobby Mannas, Melissa Ramos, David A. Reisman, Tim Sorrells, 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: 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. George L. Burrige, related to alleged violations under Section 255.001, Election Code, and being held in accordance with Section 571.126(b)(1) and Sections 571.129 through 571.132, Government Code.

Chair Clancy called the Commission to order. The Chair asked if the respondent was present. The respondent was not present. Homer Diaz briefed the Commission on the background of this matter. Chair Clancy deemed the hearing as a default. David Anderson, Professor from the University Of Texas School Of Law, briefed the Commission on publication regulations.

The Commission adjourned to deliberate. Motion by Commissioner Akin to fine Respondent George L. Burrige \$4,000 for violation of Section 255.001 of the Election Code; second by Vice Chair Hobby. Motion passed by a vote of seven ayes. **Respondent George L. Burrige is fined \$4,000 for violation of Section 255.001 of the Election Code.**

Agenda Item 3: Adjourn.

Commission meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.