

**Texas Ethics Commission
Executive Session - Minutes**

December 13, 2018

2:00 p.m.

Capitol Extension

Room E1.014

Austin, Texas 78701

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Steven D. Wolens, Chair; Chad M. Craycraft, Vice Chair; Randall H. Erben, Chris Flood, Mary K. “Katie” Kennedy, Patrick W. Mizell, Richard S. Schmidt, and Joseph O. Slovacek.

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Seana Willing, Executive Director; Ian M. Steusloff, General Counsel.

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 Wolens. Seana Willing, Executive Director, called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

Agenda Item 2: Executive session pursuant to Section 551.071, Government Code, Consultation with Attorneys, and Section 551.074, Government Code, Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion of pending litigation to seek legal advice relating to the following:

- A. Cause No. D-1-GN-17-001878: *Texas Ethics Commission v. Michael Quinn Sullivan*, in the 250th Judicial District Court in Travis County, Texas; and Cause No. 03-17-00392-CV: *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Third Court of Appeals at Austin, Texas; and Cause No. 18-0580: *Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Supreme Court of Texas.**

- B. Cause No. D-1-GN-14-001252: *Empower Texans, Inc. and Michael Quinn Sullivan v. 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; et al.*; in the 53rd Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas; and related case, Cause No. 03-17-00770-CV: *Empower Texans, Inc., and Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Tom Ramsay in his individual capacity, et al.*; in the Third Court of Appeals, Austin, Texas.**
- C. Cause No. D-1-GN-15-004455: *Texas Ethics Commission v. Empower Texans, Inc. and Michael Quinn Sullivan*, in the 345th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas; and related case, Cause No. 03-16-00872-CV: *Empower Texans, Inc., and Michael Quinn Sullivan v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Third Court of Appeals, Austin, Texas.**
- D. 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; and related case, Cause No. 03-17-00167-CV: *Texas Home School Coalition Association, Inc. v. Texas Ethics Commission*, in the Third Court of Appeals, Austin, Texas.**

Agenda Item 4: Discussion and seeking legal advice regarding referrals and orders under Subchapter F (Enforcement), Chapter 571, Texas Government Code.

Agenda Item 5: Discussion and seeking legal advice regarding the TEC's authority to charge a convenience fee for credit card payments.

Agenda Item 6: Discussion of personnel matters related to Executive Director, General Counsel and/or Director of Enforcement.

Agenda Item 7: Reconvene in open Session.

Agenda Item 8: Adjourn.

Motion by Chair Wolens to adjourn. **Commission meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.