

MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING
OPEN SESSION
November 14, 2007

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mrs. Susan P. McWilliams at 9:30 a.m. Other members present were Vice Chairman Marvin D. Infinger, Mr. Edward E. Duryea, Mrs. Priscilla L. Tanner, Mr. G. Carlton Manley, Mr. Robert A. Bruce and Mrs. E. Kay Biermann-Brohl. Mr. Johnnie Walters and Mr. Phillip Florence, Jr. were absent.

Also present:

Mr. Herbert R. Hayden, Jr., Executive Director
Mrs. Cathy L. Hazelwood, Assistant Director/General Counsel
Mr. Donald M. Lundgren, Investigator
Mr. Dan F. Choate, Investigator
Ms. Ami R. Franklin
Ms. Kristin M. Smith
Mr. Robert Adams
Mr. John R. McCravy, III
Ms. Jennie Thompson
Ms. Elaine Dailey

Mrs. McWilliams called the meeting to order.

NEW COMMISSION MEMBER

The Chair welcomed Mrs. E. Kay Biermann-Brohl as the newest Commissioner. Mrs. Brohl was appointed to fill the remainder of the term of Mr. John Cannon in the third District.

MINUTES

Mr. Manley made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tanner to approve the open and executive session minutes from the September 2007 meeting, motion carried.

OFFICE OPERATIONS

COMPLIANCE REPORTS

Mr. Hayden presented the compliance reports for September and October as information only.

BUDGET FY07

Mr. Hayden presented the budget report as information only.

LOBBYING DOLLAR LIMITATIONS

In accordance with Section 2-17-90 (B)(2), Mr. Hayden presented a memorandum to the Commission requesting an increase in the lobbyist principal daily dollar limit to \$60 and the annual limit to \$480. Mr. Duryea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Infinger to approve the request, motion carried.

APPEAL

C2007-055 State Ethics Commission vs. Jeanette D. Thompson

Mr. McCravy and Ms. Thompson presented her appeal to the Commission. Mr. Manley made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tanner to accept the appeal, motion carried. Mr. Infinger, Mr. Duryea and Chairperson McWilliams were present but did not participate in the discussion and decision of this appeal.

Robert Adams

Mr. Adams presented his appeal to the Commission. Mr. Infinger made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tanner to accept the appeal, waive the fine and refund the Respondent's money, motion carried.

DISCUSSION

Newspaper Articles

Mr. Hayden presented these articles as information only.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Infinger to go into Executive Session to discuss complaint matters, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Duryea to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Infinger, motion carried.

Upon return to open session, Mr. Duryea made a motion seconded by Mr. Infinger, to adopt and ratify actions taken in Executive Session, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Duryea to adjourn, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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