

MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING
OPEN SESSION
March 19, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Mrs. Susan P. McWilliams at 9:35 a.m. Other members present were Mr. Marvin D. Infinger, Mr. Edward E. Duryea, Mrs. Priscilla L. Tanner, Mr. Johnnie Walters, Mr. G. Carlton Manley, Mr. Phillip Florence and Mrs. E. Kay Biermann-Brohl. Mr. Robert A. Bruce was 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. Regina A. Washington
Mrs. Ami R. Franklin
Ms. Kristin M. Smith
Mr. Jorge E. Bravo
Mr. Erik D. Christensen
Mr. Steve Benjamin
Mr. Torlando Childres
Mr. Tony Junious
Mr. Kevin Hall
Mr. Todd Carroll

Mrs. McWilliams called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Mr. Manley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Infinger to approve the open and executive session minutes from the January meeting, motion carried.

OFFICE OPERATIONS

COMPLIANCE REPORTS

Mr. Hayden presented the compliance reports for January and February as information only.

BUDGET FY 08/09

Mr. Hayden presented the budget report as information only.

ADVISORY OPINONS

AO2008-006 Off-Duty Employment of Public Official

Mrs. Hazelwood presented this advisory opinion to the Commission. Mr. Erik Christensen addressed the Commission on his request. Mr. Duryea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Infinger to accept this opinion.

AO2008-007 Post Employment

Mrs. Hazelwood presented this advisory opinion to the Commission. Mr. Jorge E. Bravo addressed the Commission on his request. Mr. Duryea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Manley to accept this opinion. Mr. Manley made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Brohl to render this advisory opinion confidential, motion carried.

APPEALS

Richland County Democratic Party

Mr. Steve Benjamin and Mr. Torlando Childres presented their appeal to the Commission. Mr. Manley made a motion to reduce the late filing penalty to \$200. The motion wasn't seconded. Mr. Manley withdrew his motion. Mrs. Brohl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duryea to waive all penalties, motion carried. Mr. Infinger and Mrs. Tanner were on the previous panel that discussed this matter and therefore, did not participate in this discussion and decision.

C2008-058 State Ethics Commission vs. Tony Junious

Mr. Junious presented his appeal to the Commission. Mr. Infinger made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tanner to accept the appeal and waive all penalties, motion carried.

C2007-084 State Ethics Commission vs. Tina H. Dixon

Ms. Dixon presented her appeal to the Commission. Mr. Walters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Manley to accept the appeal and waive all penalties, motion carried. Mr. Duryea and Mrs. McWilliams were on the previous panel that discussed this matter and therefore did not participate in this discussion and decision.

LEGISLATION

S. 11, S. 1085 and S.1094

Mr. Hayden presented these Bills to the Commission as information only.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Duryea, seconded by Mrs. Tanner to go into Executive Session, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Manley, seconded by Mrs. Tanner to go out of Executive Session to rule on an Appeal, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Manley, seconded by Mrs. Brohl to go back into Executive Session, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Duryea, seconded by Mrs. Tanner, to return to Open Session and adopt and ratify actions taken in Executive Session, motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Regina A. Washington
Administrative Assistant