

MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING
OPEN SESSION

March 17, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Phillip Florence, Jr. at 9:41 a.m. Other members present were Mr. Edward E. Duryea, Mrs. Priscilla L. Tanner, Mrs. E. Kay Biermann-Brohl, Mr. G. Carlton Manley, Mr. JB Holeman, Mr. Jonathan H. Burnett. Chairperson, Mrs. Susan P. McWilliams and Dr. Richard H. Fitzgerald were absent.

Also present:

Mr. Herbert R. Hayden, Jr., Executive Director
Mrs. Cathy L. Hazelwood, Deputy Director/General Counsel
Mrs. Ami Franklin, Assistant Director, Administration
Mr. Donald M. Lundgren, Chief Investigator
Mr. Dan Choate, Investigator
Ms. Kristin M. Smith, Administrative Coordinator
Ms. Regina A. Washington, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Olin Huffman
Mr. Mark Kelly
Mr. Eddie Dyer
Ms. Debbie Summers
Mr. Jeff Anderson

Mr. Florence called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Mr. Manley made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Brohl 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.

APPEALS

C2009-085 and 086 State Ethics Commission vs. Edward Robinson

Mr. Hayden informed the Commission that this matter had been continued to May.

Cherokee County Democratic Party

Mr. Huffman presented this appeal to the Commission. Mr. Holeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Manley to deny the appeal but waive the penalty, motion carried.

C2010-014 State Ethics Commission vs. Annie M. McCall

Mr. Hayden presented this appeal to the Commission. Mr. Manley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Holeman to accept the appeal and reduce the penalty, motion carried.

C2009-074 State Ethics Commission vs. Sonny B. Belin

Mr. Hayden presented his appeal to the Commission. Mr. Burnett made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Brohl to deny the appeal, motion failed. Mr. Manley made an amended motion, seconded by Mr. Holeman to deny the appeal and reduce the penalty, motion carried.

LEGISLATION

H3066, H4153, H4542 and S1243

Mr. Hayden presented this legislation as information only.

ADVISORY OPINIONS

AO2010-002 Lobbyist Providing Travel

Mrs. Hazelwood, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Dyer presented this opinion to the Commission. Mr. Manley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Holeman to accept the opinion, motion carried.

AO2010-003 University Foundation Member Bidding on University Building Projects

Mrs. Hazelwood and Mr. Dyer presented this opinion to the Commission. Mr. Holeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duryea to accept the opinion, motion carried.

AO92-007 Political Involvement of Business Partnership or Corp Assoc w/Lobbyist

Mrs. Hazelwood presented this opinion to the Commission for correction. Mr. Manley made a motion, second by Mr. Burnett to accept the correction of the opinion, motion carried.

Common Cause Letter

Mrs. Hazelwood presented this opinion to the Commission. Mr. Burnett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Manley to deny the request, motion carried.

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Manley, seconded by Mr. Burnett to adjourn, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant