



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Ethics Commission

Thursday, March 21, 2024

5:30 PM

City Hall, Sixth Floor - Executive Conference Room

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A. Call To Order

Chairman Dane Fuller called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: 9 - David J. Bendett, Laura Commons, Trevor Mauck, Kent Teague, Kamlesh Bhikha, Dane Fuller, Rick Barrera, Ed Bennett, and Kimberly Ballenger

C. Public Comment

Rachel Caballero; Encarnacion Serna.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

1. [24-0315](#) Review and approval of minutes of prior meeting(s), action on absences, and the election of officers, if necessary.

Commissioner Rick Barrera motioned to approve meeting minutes for February 15, 2024, as presented; Commissioner Kent Teague seconded. Approved unanimously.

Commissioner Ed Bennett motioned to excuse the previous absence of Commissioner Kamlesh Bhikha; Commissioner Kent Teague seconded. Approved unanimously.

E. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

2. [24-0318](#) Review, discussion and possible action regarding Financial Disclosure Reports.

Chairman Dane Fuller tabled unfinished business regarding additional filing requirement for Financial Disclosure Reports.

3. [24-0319](#) Discussion and possible action regarding forms, policies, rules, ordinances, reports and laws related to the Ethics Commission, including requested and potential changes thereto.

NONE

4. [24-0323](#) Review, discussion, and possible action regarding outstanding Ethics Complaints, if any, including but not limited to the complaints of Mr. John Weber v. Hon. Michael Pusley and Mr. John Weber v. Hon. Gil Hernandez.

Attachments: [Hearing Procedures](#)

Commissioner Kent Teague motioned to close public testimony; Commissioner Rick Barrera seconded. Approved unanimously.

Vice-Chair Laura Commons motioned to deny complaint against Mike Pusley; Commissioner Kimberly Ballenger seconded. Approved unanimously.

Commissioner Kimberly Ballenger motioned to deny amended complaint against Gil Hernandez; Commissioner David Bendett seconded. Approved unanimously.

5. [24-0324](#) Identification of items to be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

Financial Disclosure Reports will be discussed in the next meeting.

F. Executive Session Item

6. [24-0325](#) Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071 and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning attorney-client privileged matters including the complaints of Mr. John Weber v. Hon. Michael Pusley and Mr. John Weber v. Hon. Gil Hernandez.

Entered Executive Session at 6:59 p.m.

Resumed Open Session at 7:18 p.m.

G. Adjournment

Commissioner Kent Teague motioned to adjourn meeting; Vice-Chair Laura Commons seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.