OKLAHOMA ETHICS COMMISSION MAY 29, 2024, MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING

1. Call to Order.

Upon notice, with the agenda being properly posted at the Commission's office at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the commencement of the meeting and notice being filed in advance with the Office of the Secretary of State, a regular meeting of the Ethics Commission of the State of Oklahoma ["Commission"] was called to order on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 10:05 a.m. Chair Jarred Brejcha ["Brejcha"] opened the meeting, which was held in Room G-3 of the State Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Determination of Quorum.

Roll was called to determine the existence of a quorum for the transaction of business. Commissioners answering present were, Howard Johnson ["Johnson"], Justin Meek ["Meek"], Gregg Engle ["Engle"], and Brejcha. A quorum of members was declared.

Staff & Visitors.

Commission staff members present at all, or part of the meeting were Executive Director Lee Anne Bruce Boone ["Bruce Boone"], General Counsel Margaret Kerr ["Kerr"], and Tiffany Elcyzyn ["Elcyzyn"]. Interim Counsel to the Commission, Thomas Schneider ["Schneider"] from the Oklahoma Attorney General's office was also present.

Observingallorpartofthemeeting: Charles Outlaw, Legis OK and Michael McNutt, News OK

2. Open Meeting Act Compliance.

Chair Brejcha reviewed the Affidavit of Posting and affirmed compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

3. Introductions and Announcements.

Director Bruce Boone introduced our new General Counsel, Margaret Kerr. The Commissioners welcomed her.

4. Announcements, consideration, discussion and possible action on the disqualification or recusal of a Commissioner or Commissioners pursuant to Ethics Rule 1.6 for any matter listed on the Commission agenda. Thomas Schneider, Interim Counsel to Commission

None.

5. Determination to enter Executive Session.

The information to be discussed in agenda item 5 requires confidential communications between the Ethics Commission and its attorney(s) concerning pending investigations, claims, or actions, the disclosure of which would seriously impair the ability of the Ethics Commission to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest or violate confidentially requirements of state law. This proposed executive session

meets the requirements for executive session pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act in Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes, § 307 (B)(1), (4), and (7), and required by Ethics Rules 6.5 and 6.9. The statement is on the agenda and does not need to be read.

a. Determination, pursuant to Counsel's advice as set forth above, to enter closed, executive session at the Ethic's Commission's office in Room G-27 of the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Motion: Commissioner Engle moved, pursuant to counsel's advice as set forth in subsection 9(a), the Commission go into executive session in the Ethics Commission's office in room G-27 of the State Capitol Building to discuss the matters listed for agenda item 5.

Second: Commissioner Meek

Roll Call vote: Engle - yes, Meek - yes, Johnson - yes, Breicha - yes.

Motion carried to go into Executive/Closed session at 10:09 a.m.

b. Executive Session.

- i. Commissioner Fields joined the Executive Session Meeting at 10:17 a.m.
- ii. Case No. 2022-25, alleging violations of Campaign Finance Ethics Rule 2.

c. Action to Exit Executive Session.

Motion: Commissioner Meek moved to reconvene open session at 10:49 a.m.

Second: Commissioner Johnson

Roll call vote: Meek - yes, Johnson - yes, Fields - yes, Engle - yes, Brejcha- yes

Motion carried.

- **d.** Possible action on the numbered matters (i-v) discussed in Executive Session. Prior to taking action, the Commissioners may consider, discuss, and take action on the disqualification or recusal of a Commissioner or Commissioners pursuant to Ethics Rule 1.6 for any item listed in this agenda for Executive Session. Thomas Schneider, Interim Counsel to Commission
 - i. Seeing no recusals. Chair Breicha
 - ii. **Motion:** Commissioner Engle moved pursuant to Ethics Rule 6.10, to accept the Settlement Agreement for Case No. 2022-25 as discussed in Executive Session.

Second: Commissioner Fields

Roll call vote: Engle – yes, Fields – yes, Meek – yes, Johnson – yes, Brejchayes

Motion carried.

6. Adjournment. Chair Breicha.

Motion: Commissioner Fields moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Commissioner Johnson

Roll call vote: Fields – yes, Johnson – yes, Meek – yes, Engle – yes, Brejcha - yes

Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 10:51 a.m.

LEE ANNE BRUCE BOONE, Executive Director

Approved on behalf of the Commission:

JARRED BREJCHA, Chair