

## NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Ethics Commission of the State of Oklahoma will hold a regular meeting December 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. The Commission will meet at the Oklahoma State Capitol, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Room G-3, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.

**Public Hearing and Public Comment**: The hearing is to consider promulgation of changes to the Ethics Rules of Oklahoma published in Title 74 O.S. Chapter 62, Appendix and Appendix 1, pursuant to Oklahoma Constitution Article 29, §3. Existing law and proposed amendments may be found on the Commission's website at www.ethics.ok.gov. Public comment opportunities on the proposed amendment(s) will be provided and are limited to the relevant agenda items. The Chair may announce a time limit for comments at the beginning of each public hearing.

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to order and determination of quorum present. Chair Fields
- 2. Open Meeting Act Compliance. Chair Fields
- 3. Introductions and Announcements. Chair Fields
- 4. Announcements, consideration, discussion, and possible action on the disqualification or recusal of any Commissioner or Commissioners pursuant to Ethics Rule 1.6 for any item listed herein, other than those items listed for Executive Session. Margaret Kerr, General Counsel to Commission
- 5. Consideration, discussion, and possible action on minutes for the regular meeting and executive session held November 8, 2024. Chair Fields
- 6. Consideration, discussion, and possible action on request for waiver of Ethics Rule 5, Lobbyist Registration and Reporting, based upon a preexisting relationship pursuant to Rule 5.25. General Counsel Kerr
  - A. W-24-01, Request by Caitlin Lee for a waiver of Rules for preexisting relationship with Ryan Kilpatrick.

NOTICE: The Ethics Commission may decide not to discuss any item listed on the agenda. As used herein, "possible action" includes, but is not limited to, approval, authorization, adoption, amendment, rejection, dismissal, denial, no action, or tabling of an item for disposition at a later date. To submit comments about open-session agenda items or proposed agenda items for a later Commission meeting date, email ethics@ethics.ok.gov.

- 7. **Public Hearing:** Consideration of **Ethics Rules Amendments (ERA)**. The proposed amendments modify the Constitutional Ethics Rules published at *Title 74*, *Chapter 62*, *Appendix 1*.
  - 1) Consideration of ERA 2024-01. This amendment modifies Ethics Rules 2.2.
    - a. Explanation of ERA 2024-01 and additions by Executive Director.
    - b. Comments by Commissioner(s).
    - c. Public comment.
    - d. Comments and questions by Commissioners and staff.
    - e. Discussion and possible action on ERA 2024-01 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules. Chair Fields
  - 2) Consideration of **ERA 2024-02**. This amendment modifies Ethics Rules 2.17.
    - a. Explanation of ERA 2024-02 and additions by Executive Director.
    - b. Comments by Commissioner(s).
    - c. Public comment.
    - d. Comments and questions by Commissioners and staff.
    - e. Discussion and possible action on ERA 2024-02 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules. Chair Fields
  - 3) Consideration of ERA 2024-03. This amendment modifies Ethics Rules 2.20.
    - a. Explanation of ERA 2024-03 and additions by Executive Director.
    - b. Comments by Commissioner(s).
    - c. Public comment.
    - d. Comments and questions by Commissioners and staff.
    - e. Discussion and possible action on ERA 2024-03 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules. Chair Fields
  - 4) Consideration of ERA 2024-04. This amendment modifies Ethics Rules 2.95.
    - a. Explanation of ERA 2024-04 and additions by Executive Director.
    - b. Comments by Commissioner(s).
    - c. Public comment.
    - d. Comments and questions by Commissioners and staff.

- e. Discussion and possible action on ERA 2024-04 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules. Chair Fields
- 5) Consideration of **ERA 2024-05**. This amendment modifies Ethics Rules 2.107.
  - a. Explanation of ERA 2024-05 and additions by Executive Director.
  - b. Comments by Commissioner(s).
  - c. Public comment.
  - d. Comments and questions by Commissioners and staff.
  - e. Discussion and possible action on ERA 2024-05 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules. Chair Fields
- 6) Consideration of **ERA 2024-06**. This amendment modifies Ethics Rules 2.108.
  - a. Explanation of ERA 2024-06 and additions by Executive Director.
  - b. Comments by Commissioner(s).
  - c. Public comment.
  - d. Comments and questions by Commissioners and staff.
  - e. Discussion and possible action on ERA 2024-06 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules. Chair Fields
- 7) Consideration of **ERA 2024-07**. This amendment modifies Ethics Rules 2.109.
  - a. Explanation of ERA 2024-07 and additions by Executive Director.
  - b. Comments by Commissioner(s).
  - c. Public comment.
  - d. Comments and questions by Commissioners and staff.
  - e. Discussion and possible action on ERA 2024-07 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules. Chair Fields
- 8) Consideration of **ERA 2024-08**. This amendment modifies Ethics Rules 5.6.
  - a. Explanation of ERA 2024-08 and additions by Executive Director.
  - b. Comments by Commissioner(s).
  - c. Public comment.
  - d. Comments and questions by Commissioners and staff.
  - e. Discussion and possible action on ERA 2024-08 of the Constitutional Ethics

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- 9) Consideration of **ERA 2024-09**. This amendment modifies Ethics Rules 5.7.
  - a. Explanation of ERA 2024-09 and additions by Executive Director.
  - b. Comments by Commissioner(s).
  - c. Public comment.
  - d. Comments and questions by Commissioners and staff.
  - e. Discussion and possible action on ERA 2024-09 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules. Chair Fields
- 10) Consideration of ERA 2024-10. This amendment modifies Ethics Rules 5.8.
  - a. Explanation of ERA 2024-10 and additions by Executive Director.
  - b. Comments by Commissioner(s).
  - c. Public comment.
  - d. Comments and questions by Commissioners and staff.
  - e. Discussion and possible action on ERA 2024-10 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules. Chair Fields
- 11) Consideration of **ERA 2024-11**. This amendment modifies Ethics Rules 5.10.
  - a. Explanation of ERA 2024-11 and additions by Executive Director.
  - b. Comments by Commissioner(s).
  - c. Public comment.
  - d. Comments and questions by Commissioners and staff.
  - e. Discussion and possible action on ERA 2024-11 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules. Chair Fields
- 12) Consideration of ERA 2024-12. This amendment modifies Ethics Rules 5.11.
  - a. Explanation of ERA 2024-12 and additions by Executive Director.
  - b. Comments by Commissioner(s).
  - c. Public comment.
  - d. Comments and questions by Commissioners and staff.
  - e. Discussion and possible action on ERA 2024-12 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules. Chair Fields

- 13) Consideration of ERA 2024-13. This amendment modifies Ethics Rules 6.4.
  - a. Explanation of ERA 2024-13 and additions by Executive Director.
  - b. Comments by Commissioner(s).
  - c. Public comment.
  - d. Comments and questions by Commissioners and staff.
  - e. Discussion and possible action on ERA 2024-13 of the Constitutional Ethics Rules. Chair Fields
- 8. Executive Director's Report. Director Bruce Boone
  - a. Annual Report
  - b. RFP Update
    - i. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve contract to successful bidder on contract to replace Guardian software.
  - c. Compliance Update
  - d. LOFT Update
  - e. Budget Update and Request FY 26
    - i. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve Budget Request FY 26.
- 9. Proposed Executive Session. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to enter Executive Session, as authorized by 25 O.S. 2021, § 307 (B)(1, 4, & 7), for the purpose of having confidential communications between the Commission and its counsel, regarding i. below about pending investigations, claims, or actions; and regarding ii. below regarding the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee; and to discuss matters for which disclosure would violate confidentiality under Ethics Rules 6.5 and 6.9. Chair Fields
  - i. Complaint Numbers:
    - C-23-28
    - C-24-17
    - C-24-19
    - C-24-23
    - C-24-24
    - C-24-25
    - C-24-29
    - C-24-36
    - C-24-38

ii. Discussion on the Annual Performance Review of the Executive Director, General Counsel and Deputy Director.

<u>Statement by Attorney</u>: The information to be discussed in Executive Session 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 under Ethics Rules 6.5 and 6.9.

iii. Vote to enter Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to 25 O.S. 2021, § 307(B) (1, 4 & 7); *Chairman directs all other persons in attendance to the public meeting to exit the room until the Commission returns to regular session, and Commissioners will enter Executive Session;* 

- iv. Chairman invites the public back into the room and waits for them to re-enter and be seated.
- v. Vote to Exit Executive Session; and
- vi. Possible action on the numbered matters above discussed in Executive Session.

  Prior to taking action, the Commissioners may consider, discuss, and act 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. Margaret Kerr, General Counsel
- 10. New Business. This business, in accordance with Oklahoma Statutes, Title 25, § 311(A)(10) is limited to any matter not known about or which could have not been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting of this agenda. Chair Fields
- 11. Adjournment. Chair Fields

-NEXT REGULAR MEETING-January 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Oklahoma State Capitol, Rm. G-3 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105