

**OKLAHOMA ETHICS COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 17, 2023, MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING**

1. Call to Order.

Upon notice, with the agenda being properly posted at the Commission office at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the commencement of the meeting and notice being filed with the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Title 25 O.S. §311, a regular meeting of the Ethics Commission of the State of Oklahoma ["Commission"] was called to order on Thursday, November 17, 2023, at 9:00 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 Justin Meek ["Meek"], Eddie Fields ["Fields"], Howard Johnson ["Johnson"] 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 Ashley Kemp ["Kemp"], Stephanie McCord ["McCord"], and Katie Stagner ["Stagner"].

Observing all or part of the meeting in person: Charles Outlaw, LegisOK, Michael McNutt, Non Doc and Thomas Schneider, Attorney with Oklahoma Attorney General's office.

2. Open Meeting Act Compliance.

Chair Brejcha reviewed the *Affidavit of Posting* of the Agenda for the meeting prepared by the staff and affirmed the meeting and Agenda complied with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

3. Introductions and Announcements.

Director Ashley Kemp informed the commissioners Diana Diaz is not here for the meeting, and that Monday will be her last day. She is doing this for her family, and she will be greatly missed and was a wonderful employee. Congratulations were also given to Commissioner Justin Meeks for being as super lawyer as shown in the Super Lawyer magazine.

4. Disqualification & Recusal for Executive Session.

None.

5. Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Engle moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting and held October 13, 2023 & Special Meeting held November 2, 2023, and their respective executive sessions.

Second: Commissioner Johnson

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

6. Determination to enter Executive Session.

The information to be discussed in agenda item 7 meets the requirements for executive session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. § 307 (B)(1) for the purpose of “discussing the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee,” specifically to discuss and evaluate individual applicants for the position of Executive director as identified in agenda item 7.

Motion: Commissioner Engle moved for Commissioners and the Executive Director to enter executive session in the Ethics Commission Office, Room G-27 to discuss the matters listed for agenda item 7.

Second: Commissioner Meek.

Roll Call vote: Engle- yes, Meek- yes, Fields- yes, Johnson- yes, Brejcha - yes.

Motion carried to go into Executive/Closed session at 9:05 a.m.

7. Executive Session.

This executive session is to conduct interviews of individual applicants to succeed Director Kemp in the position of executive director and to discuss additional interviews

8. Action to return to Open Session.

Motion: Commissioner Fields moved to reconvene in Open Session at 4:10 p.m.

Second: Commissioner Johnson.

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

Motion carried.

9. Disqualification & Recusal for Executive Session.

None.

10. Consideration, discussion, and possible action on the following items considered in executive session.

Motion: Commissioner Engle moved to interview applicant #10 for the position of executive director at the next meeting of the Commission.

Second: Commissioner Fields.

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

Motion carried.

Motion: Commissioner Johnson moved to interview applicant #8 for the position of executive director at the next meeting of the Commission.

Second: Commissioner Fields.

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

Motion carried.

Motion: Commissioner Meek moved to interview applicant #6 for the position of executive director at the next meeting of the Commission.

Second: Commissioner Engle.

Roll call vote: Meek -yes, Engle – yes, Fields – no, Johnson – yes, Brejcha – no

Motion carried.

11. Adjournment.

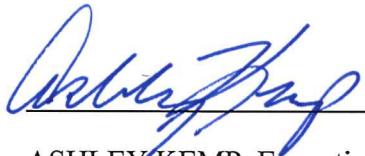
Motion: Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Commissioner Fields.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 4:14 p.m.



ASHLEY KEMP, Executive Director

Approved on behalf of the Commission:



JARRED BREJCHA, Chair