

ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

February 22, 2002, Room 6ES

Members Present: Daniel Perez, Chair
Calvin Bluiett, Vice Chair
Rebecca B. Bergstresser
Jim Clark
Gloria Tarpley

Staff Present: Shirley A. Acy, City Secretary
Jesus Toscano, City Attorney's Office
Lisa Christopherson, City Attorney's Office
Michelle M. Calloway, City Secretary's Office
Debbie Brown, City Secretary's Office

Others Present: Carol Ann Brandon
Joyce Ann Brown, President and CEO of MASS, Inc.

The meeting of the Ethics Advisory Commission was called to order at 9:07 a.m. on February 22, 2002 in room 6ES. The panel reviewed the complaint brought by Sandra Crenshaw against Carol Brandon, Park and Recreation Board Member regarding a potential conflict of interest with her job; the response submitted by Carol Brandon and materials filed in the City Secretary's Office.

Chairman Perez swore in Ms. Brandon and Ms. Brown and they provided their presentation. Ms. Brandon and Ms. Brown then answered questions from the Commission.

Chairman Perez called a recess of the meeting at 10:00 a.m. for a short break.

The Commission reconvened in open session at 10:07 a.m. The Commission closed the evidentiary portion of their hearing.

Chairman Perez called a recess of the meeting at 10:09 a.m. in order that the Commission could meet in executive session under Section 551.071 and Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (Open Meetings Act) to confer with the city attorney.

Following the executive session, the Commission reconvened in open session at 10:13 a.m.

Commission members reviewed and discussed all materials and statements presented.

After discussion, Vice-Chair Bluiett moved to dismiss the complaint on the grounds that the issue of co-mingling of money does not exist and did not state a claim under the Ethics Code based upon the statements and evidence submitted. Commissioner Tarpley seconded the motion and unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Clark moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Bluiett.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.