

**ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION
PRELIMINARY PANEL
MINUTES
February 28, 2002, Room 4CN #1**

Members Present: Calvin Bluiett, Vice-Chair
Jim Clark
Gloria Tarpley
Daniel Perez, Chair

Staff Present: Deborah Watkins, Assistant City Secretary
Jesus Toscano, City Attorney's Office
Gwen Satterthwaite, City Attorney's Office
Lisa Christopherson, City Attorney's Office
Debbie Brown, City Secretary's Office
Michelle M. Calloway, City Secretary's Office
Yolanda Hernandez, City Secretary's Office

Others Present: Paul Coggins, Attorney
Jason Rogers, Associate

Meeting called to order at 11:02 a.m.

The panel reviewed the complaint brought by Allen Gwinn, Jr. and Anne Carlson against Council Members James Fantroy, Mary Poss, Alan Walne, Lois Finkelman, and Veletta Forsythe Lill regarding potential unethical political activity; the responses submitted by the Council Members and materials filed in the City Secretary's Office.

Vice-Chair Bluiett called a recess of the meeting at 11:04 a.m. in order that the Preliminary Panel could meet in executive session under Section 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (Open Meetings Act) to confer with the city attorney.

Following the executive session, the Preliminary Panel reconvened in open session at 11:30 a.m.

Panel members reviewed and discussed all materials presented by the Council Member's attorneys.

After discussion, Commissioner Tarpley moved to dismiss the complaint under Section 12A, 26 (E) (2) without prejudice as no just cause was found and the evidence submitted does not state that the Council Members knowingly allowed their name and title to be used.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Clark and unanimously adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.