

**ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
November 22, 2002  
Room 5ES**

**Members Present:** Daniel Perez, Chairman  
Calvin Bluiett, Vice-Chairman  
Rebecca B. Bergstresser  
Jim Clark  
Margaret Donnelly  
Gloria Tarpley

**Staff Present:** Shirley Acy, City Secretary  
Deborah Watkins, Assistant City Secretary  
Gwen Satterthwaite, City Attorney's Office  
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  
Yolanda Hernandez, City Secretary's Office

**Others Present:** Albert Parker, citizen

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. Chairman Perez called for approval of the August 29, 2002 and September 27, 2002 minutes.

During the discussion, Commission members had concerns regarding the August 29, 2002 minutes. The city secretary informed the commission that the August 29, 2002 draft minutes provided for their approval were not minutes of the meeting but a transcript of the discussion that took place on August 29, 2002. Ms. Acy further stated that her office would provide amended minutes for the commission's approval at their next meeting.

The city secretary stated that the commission should approve the minutes of the September 27, 2002 meeting since decisions were made at that meeting. The commission will be provided with a corrected draft of the August 29 meeting for approval at their next meeting.

Commissioner Tarpley moved that the draft minutes of August 29, 2002 be withdrawn until the city secretary's office provides the commission with corrected minutes that only discussion took place on August 29, 2002.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Clark and unanimously adopted.

After all discussion on the September 27, 2002 minutes, Chairman Perez called for a motion.

Commissioner Tarpley moved approval of the September 27, 2002 minutes with the following corrections. Page 4, paragraph 1, add: "Commissioners Donnelly and Tarpley voiced support for the concept of the lobbying provision, but expressed concern over global approval by the ethics advisory commission without in depth examination of the logistics and practicalities of the proposed provision, and the need for more expert advice on same". Motion seconded by Commissioner Clark.

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Commissioner Bergstresser asked Commissioner Tarpley if she would accept a friendly amendment to her motion to include: Page 4, last paragraph, After discussion, Vice-Chairman Bluiett moved to refer to the city attorney Section 12A-10(a)(1), "use the prestige of the city official's position with the city on behalf of a candidate, political party, or political committee, except that a city official is not prohibited from lending his or her name so long as the office held with the city is not mentioned in connection with the endorsement."

Commissioner Tarpley accepted Commissioner Bergstresser's addition as a part of her motion.

Commissioner Clark also accepted the addition.

After discussion, Chairman Perez called the vote on Commissioner Tarpley's motion as modified.

All members voted in the affirmative with a voice vote of aye.

Chairman Perez declared the motion to approve the minutes as modified adopted.

Chairman Perez stated that the next item on the agenda was political activity. He further stated that a citizen in the audience wanted to speak on this item. Chairman Perez called Albert Parker to address his concerns before the commission.

Commissioner Tarpley moved to endorse the proposed draft exception to Section 12A-10, Political Activity with the modification under 12A-10(a)(1)(B) from a city of Dallas election to election ordered by the city of Dallas. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bergstresser and unanimously adopted.

Vice-chairman Bluiett called for discussion on the Commissioners 2002 Annual Report.

Commissioner Tarpley moved to adopt a mission statement based on the powers in Chapter 12A-25. Commissioner Donnelly moved to submit a cover letter, a table of contents, list of members, mission statement, summary and highlights, recommendations, activity report, and index of complaints. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tarpley and unanimously adopted.

Vice-chairman Bluiett called for the discussion on procedures for implementation of the Commissions decision to the City Council.

Commissioner Donnelly moved that they adopt a procedure of the chairman, vice-chairman, or a designated representative be present at city council meetings when recommendations are held regarding EAC decisions. Motion seconded by Commissioners Tarpley and Clark and unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Clark moved to adjourn the meeting with the next meeting scheduled for January 17, 2003.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Tarpley and unanimously adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.