

**ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**January 17, 2003**

**Room 5ES**

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

**Members Absent:** Margaret Donnelly

**Staff Present:** Shirley Acy, 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

**During the debate Chairman Perez asked the commission to vote on each bullet in the memorandum dated November 21, 2002 from the city attorney to the mayor and members of the council.**

**Authorize the city council to waive prohibitions relating to representations before the city by former city officials and employee.**

**Commissioner Clark moved to not endorse the concept of the waiver. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Bluiett and unanimously adopted by a show of hands.**

**Clarify the confidentiality requirements of the ethics code complaint process.**

**Require that all information provided to the ethics advisory commission by a party to an ethics complaint be distributed to all parties to the complaint.**

**Provide requirements for giving notice of written decisions of the ethics advisory commission.**

**Provide requirements and procedures for considering sanctions for ethics violations found by the ethics advisory commission.**

**Commissioner Tarpley moved to globally endorse the remaining proposed amendments with the following modifications:**

**12A-26(c) add at the end of the sentence “, unless the information is exempt from public disclosure under the Public Information Act.”**

**12A-30(d)(5) add “and city council members” after city secretary and prior to who shall make it available to the public as authorized by law.**

**Motion seconded by Vice Chair Bluiett and unanimously adopted as amended by a show of hands.**

**Chairman Perez called for discussion on the annual report.**

**Vice Chair Bluiett moved to endorse the annual report with the following modifications to recommendations made regarding amendments to the ethics code:**

**4. Amendment endorsed unanimously, except for Part 2 (permanent ban on certain representation), which was unanimously not endorsed.**

**5. Amendment endorsed unanimously, except for Part 2 (permanent ban on certain employment), which was unanimously not endorsed.**

**6. Endorsed the concept of having lobbying regulations, but with no specific recommendations as to a registration process. (The EAC did not feel it had the expertise to create and evaluate a detailed lobbying registration process.)**

**7. Amendment unanimously not endorsed. Remove: provision not endorsed.**

**8. Amendment endorsed unanimously. The Commission recommended that Section 12A-10 of the Dallas City Code be amended to allow city officials to lend their names and official city titles in connection with any election ordered by the city of Dallas on a measure or proposition.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Tarpley and unanimously adopted as amended.**

**Chairman Perez called for discussion on future calendar. Chairman Perez moved to cancel the meetings in March and July with the exception of calling of a panel. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Bluiett and unanimously adopted.**

**Chairman Perez called for discussion on other business. City Secretary Shirley Acy advised the commission that Albert Parker, a private citizen, left some material in the room regarding the mayor’s financial income. Commissioner Tarpley asked that the city secretary’s office contact the citizen and advise him that his material will not be considered because it did not follow proper procedures established in the code and to include the steps and forms on how to properly file a complaint.**

**Vice Chair Bluiett moved to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Clark and unanimously adopted.**

**The meeting adjourned at 12 Noon.**