



**ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
PRELIMINARY PANEL  
MINUTES  
August 23, 2005 - Room 4CN#1**

**05-0319**

Members Present:

Calvin Bluiett, Vice-Chair  
Margaret Donnelly  
Rebecca Bergstresser

Staff Present:

Deborah Watkins, Assistant City Secretary  
Jesus Toscano, City Attorney's Office  
Lisa Christopherson, City Attorney's Office  
Gwen Satterthwaite, City Attorney's Office  
Michelle M. Calloway, City Secretary's Office  
Monesia Davis, City Secretary's Office

Respondent:

Mayor Laura Miller, Respondent  
Steven Wolens, Attorney for Respondent  
Marion Ward, Court Reporter hired by Respondent

Other persons:

Various print and broadcast media persons

Meeting called to order at 9:16 AM.

Vice-Chair Bluiett stated that the panel was meeting to review the complaint brought by Richard P. Sheridan, a citizen of Dallas against Mayor Laura Miller regarding alleged violations of the Code of Ethics provisions, responses filed by Steven Wolens on behalf of Mayor Miller and materials filed in the City Secretary's Office.

Commissioner Bergstresser utilized a checklist to determine the validity of complaints. City Attorney Gwen Satterthwaite informed the panel that they must make a finding based upon whether the complaint stated a claim under Chapter 12A *and* is supported by just cause.

The panel reviewed the complaint and concluded that the complainant did not have personal knowledge of the allegations stated in the complaint and did not list a cause of action or sources of evidence. Commissioner Bergstresser moved to dismiss the complaint for those reasons; motion was seconded by Commissioner Donnelly and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 AM.

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Vice –Chair