



**ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION
PRELIMINARY PANEL
MINUTES
September 16, 2005 - Room 5ES**

05-0319

EAC Members Present: Calvin Bluiett, Vice-Chair
Margaret Donnelly
Linda Sorrells

Staff Present: Shirley Acy, City Secretary
Jesus Toscano, City Attorney's Office
Gwen Satterthwaite, City Attorney's Office
Lisa Christopherson, City Attorney's Office
Peter Haskell, City Attorney's Office
Michelle M. Calloway, City Secretary's Office
Monesia Davis, City Secretary's Office

Meeting called to order at 1:18 PM.

The panel reviewed the complaints brought by Jesse Diaz, a citizen of Dallas and Councilmember William D. Blaydes against D'Angelo Lee, former City Plan Commission member regarding alleged violations of the Code of Ethics provisions and materials filed in the City Secretary's Office.

The panel began to review a checklist of Section 12A-26 (a)(1)-(4) and raised the issue of personal knowledge. City Attorney Haskell informed the panel that the complaint must state a claim under 12A and be based upon personal knowledge, not hearsay.

Vice-Chair Bluiett called for a motion to dismiss the complaint filed by Jesse Diaz. Commissioner Sorrells moved to dismiss the complaint based upon its failure to meet the criteria of the Ethics Code. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donnelly and passed unanimously.

The panel reviewed the complaint brought by Councilmember William D. Blaydes. It was noted that the complaint cited media reports and referred to "allegations" that had been made. Vice-Chair Bluiett stated that the complainant did not indicate that he had personal knowledge of the matters listed in the complaint.

Discussion ensued. Commissioner Donnelly moved to dismiss the complaint filed by Councilmember Blaydes based upon failure to meet criteria set forth in the Ethics Code. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorrells and passed unanimously.

City Secretary Shirley Acy stated for the record that the panel meeting began at 1:18 PM in Room 5ES and also listed the EAC panel members and city staff that were present.

The meeting adjourned at 1:59 PM.

Vice –Chair