

**LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY
METRO ETHICS COMMISSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 25, 2012 4:30PM
MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Thelma Clemons
Mr. Terry Conway
Mr. Skip Daleure
Ms. Enid Trucios-Haynes
Mr. Jonathan Ricketts
Ms. Susan Rhodes

METRO STAFF & LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT

Ms. Sherri Toohey-Taylor, Assistant Director, HR
Ms. Janet Black, HR
Ms. Andrea Moran, Admin. Support, HR
Ms. Deborah Kent, Legal Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Dan Klepal – Courier Journal
Mr. Tony Hyatt – Metro Council

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Ethics Commission was called to order at 4:35 pm by Jonathan Ricketts.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Conway proposed to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from September 13, 2012, Commissioner Trucios-Haynes seconded and the minutes were approved.

Commissioner Trucios-Haynes proposed to approve the minutes from September 20, 2012, Commissioner Delure seconded and the minutes were approved.

Non Agenda Item: Hearing updates

Chair informed the Commission that the motion to recuse the commission from the Ethics hearing for Complaint 12-P-014 and to have an evidentiary hearing was dismissed by Hearing Officer Sheadel. The Hearing Officer moved to Voir Dire the Commission for partiality before the hearing. Commissioner Delure objected to the Voir Dire based on the nature of the affidavit filed by Atty Aubrey Williams and the concern to have the Voir Dire take place without legal justification. Chair asked legal counsel Deborah Kent to manage the general objection to Voir Dire with the hearing officer.

It will not be necessary to bring any materials to the hearing as all materials needed by the Commission will be submitted by the legal counsel of both parties at the hearing.

Legal Counsel Deborah Kent will handle parking arrangements for the Commission for the hearing.

New Business

Audits of Jefferson County Clerk and Jefferson County Sheriff Offices will become Old Business for November and/or December.

Old Business

The amendments proposed in the 2012 Annual Report will be emailed to the Commission with the proposed language included with the current language. The amendments included will be an administrative handling of incomplete complaints, investigating complaints and terminology for political activity.

The hearing time and continuance of Complaint 12-P-014 has been adjusted by the Hearing Officer for the hearing to begin at 9AM and to tentatively continue to Friday November 9, 2012.

Commissioner Delure moved to address the basis for the Voir Dire of the Commission prior to the Voir Dire taking place. Chair amended to have a special meeting for the Commission take place before the hearing. Chair suggested having legal counsel consult with the hearing officer, respondent's and complainant's legal counsel to find any objection with making the Order available to the Commission.

Chair made a motion for adjournment with Commissioner Conway seconding the motion, the meeting adjourned at 5:20PM