

COMMISSION ON ETHICS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

November 15, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

325 John Knox Rd.
Tallahassee, FL

AGENDA

- I. Roll call
- II. Adoption of minutes
- III. Report on progress since last meeting
- IV. Discussion of next actions to take
- V. Consideration of schedule for next meeting/future meetings
- VI. Adjournment

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

*Commission on Ethics
325 John Knox Road, Building E, Suite 200
Tallahassee, Florida*

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

At 9:09 a.m. Chair Michael Cox called the meeting to order with the following members present:

MATTHEW CARSON
MICHAEL COX (by phone)

Commissioner Michelle Anchors was absent from the meeting.

The presence of a quorum was noted.

Commissioner Carson moved to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2017 Legislative Committee meeting. Minutes were adopted by consensus.

Executive Director Virlindia Doss updated the Committee on the progress since the last meeting, including her recent meeting with Commissioner Cox and Mayor Pro-Tem Gil Ziffer, President of League of Cities, regarding Form 6 filing for municipal elected officials.

Constitution Revision Commission Proposal 19 and House Bill 5 would change the constitution to prohibit appearances before any state government body or state agency for six years except for judicial tribunals.

House Bill 3 relates to economic development and tourism agencies. The bill isn't clear about what provision of the code of ethics apply. Some clarifying language is needed.

The next Public Integrity and Ethics Committee meetings are scheduled for November 7, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. and November 16, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. The next Senate Ethics and Elections Committee meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Other bills that would impact the Commission on Ethics relate to CRA members being required to take 4 hours of training, and the Pinellas Construction Licensing Board being required to file Form 1.

Lobbyists want more flexibility for the Commission's handling of lobbyist audit investigations. However, that is not a Commission priority for this session.

Executive Director Virindia Doss will contact the League of Cities lobbyist, Majority Leader's staff, and Public Integrity and Ethics Committee staff. She will also send a letter to reemphasize legislative priorities, particularly Form 6 filing for municipal elected officials and attorney's fees.

The Committee set their next meeting for November 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items on the agenda, the Legislative Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Diana Westberry, *Secretary*

Michael Cox, *Chair*

Date