

**New Mexico State Ethics Commission
First Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 1, 2019
State Capitol, Room 309**

CONVENE AND ROLL CALL

William F. Lang, Commission Chair, called the State Ethics Commission meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. Commissioner Lang called roll and a quorum was established.

PRESENT:

William F. Lang, Chair
Stuart M. Bluestone, Member
Dr. Garrey E. Carruthers, Member
Dr. Judy Villanueva, Member
Frances F. Williams, Member

Approval of Agenda (with amendment)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carruthers to approve the agenda with the addition of an item for public comment, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Commission's Work Before January 1, 2020

a. Authorization for Pre-Executive Director Temporary Staff Member

A motion was made by Commissioner Bluestone to authorize the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to expend up to \$32,494 to hire pre-executive director temporary staff or contractors, seconded by Commissioners Williams and Carruthers, and passed unanimously.

b. Actions Relating to Appointment of Final Two Commissioners

The commission assigned Commissioner Bluestone to work with the Legislative Council Service (LCS) and Jeremy Farris, general counsel, DFA, to draft a press release announcing the search for candidates for the two commission-appointed members.

c. Actions Relating to Hiring of an Executive Director

The commission assigned Commissioner Lang to work with Mr. Farris and the DFA on a draft job description for the executive director position.

The commission authorized Commissioner Lang to work with the DFA to advertise the position.

d. Financial Disclosure Statements and Other Commissioner-Related Items

Members of the commission agreed to voluntarily file financial disclosure statements with the Secretary of State.

e. Scheduling Next Commission Meeting and Closing Remarks

The committee tentatively scheduled the following dates and topics for meetings:

August 9, interview candidates for commission members and discuss fiscal year 2021 budget;

September 13 (or September 20), interview candidates for the Executive Director position;

November 15 (and, if needed, November 14), invite the Secretary of State, the LCS, the General Services Department and the Attorney General to discuss joint powers agreements.

Public Comment

Heather Ferguson, Executive Director, Common Cause New Mexico, briefly discussed work put into creating the commission and thanked the commissioners for their participation.

Judy Williams, League of Women Voters of New Mexico, briefly discussed work put into creating the commission and thanked the commissioners for their participation.

Adjournment

Commissioner Carruthers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous approval.