

ETHICS COMMISSION

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

The Oklahoma Ethics Commission has the Constitutional responsibility to promulgate rules of ethical conduct for campaigns for state offices and campaigns for state questions and to promulgate rules of ethical conduct for state officers and employees. It has the further Constitutional responsibility to enforce those rules. The Commission has limited statutory authority with respect to campaigns for county offices.

Here the name, title and contact information for the lead administrative person should be listed.

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GOVERNANCE:

The agency is headed by an executive director employed by the Ethics Commission pursuant to Article 29 Section 2(C).

The Ethics Commission consists of five (5) members who serve for five years as follows:

- One member appointed by the Governor
- One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate
- One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
- One member appointed by the Attorney General
- One member appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

Current commission members are:

Cathy Stocker – Chair
Karen Long – Vice Chair
Jo Pettigrew – Commissioner
Robert McKinney – Commissioner
Thomas Walker - Commissioner

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

Please provide copies of the minutes for any Commission/Board meetings the agency has had since July 1, 2012 in electronic format (Only in PDF format) Is there an attendance policy for board members/commissioners? If so, is it being followed?

There is not an attendance policy for commission members. The minutes are available in pdf format on our website. The 2013 Meeting Minutes are at:

<http://www.ok.gov/oec/Meetings/2013 Commission Meeting Minutes/index.html>

The 2012 Meeting Minutes are at:

<http://www.ok.gov/oec/Meetings/2012 Commission Meeting Minutes/index.html>

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

The Commissioner will submit a complete revision of all its rules to the Legislature on February 4, 2014. The new rules provide greater clarity, consistency and transparency than ever before.

The Commission is exploring options for new software for campaign finance reporting, lobbyist expenditure reporting and financial disclosure reporting.

The Commission plans to completely revamp its website to make it more user-friendly.

The Commission seeks two training/compliance positions to refocus the Commission's emphasis on voluntary compliance.

The Commission continues to convert paper systems to on-line systems for both convenience and cost savings.

What steps has the agency taken to cut costs and/or eliminate waste? Are there efforts that have been successful which you believe could serve as a model for other state agencies seeking to keep costs minimal?

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CORE MISSION:

What services are you required to provide which are outside of your core mission? Are any services you provide duplicated or replicated by another agency? Are there services which are core to your mission which you are unable to perform because of requirements to perform non-core services elsewhere?

The Commission has limited responsibilities and even more limited authority under the Political Subdivisions Ethics Act, 51 O.S. §§301-325.

The Commission lacks the resources to adequately focus on voluntary compliance and/or enforcement of its rules.

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

Are any of the services which are performed by the agency also performed in the private sector in Oklahoma? In other states? Has the agency been approached by any foundation, for-profit or not-for-profit corporation with efforts to privatize some of the functions of the agency?

None of our services are performed by the private sector in Oklahoma. All other states have agencies similar to ours that perform similar functions. The agency has not been approached by any foundation, for-profit or not-for-profit corporation with efforts to privatize some of the functions of the agency.