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**MINUTES**  
**March 28, 2011**  
**Don Davis Conference Room**  
**City Hall**

The meeting was called to order by Helen Ludwig, Vice Chair at 5:06 p.m.

Attendees: Gene Filbert, L.E. Hutton, Kirby Oberdorfer, Rhonda Peoples-Waters, Tatiana Salvador, Mary Swart and James Young – Braxton Gillam, attended via conference call – Rhonda Peoples-Waters, excused

Others in attendance: Carla Miller, Ethics Officer; Jon Phillips, Office of General Counsel and Susan Stewart, Ethics Coordinator

The minutes from the February 7, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

Carla provided an ethics thought.

Jon reported that he is attending on behalf of Debra Braga.

**Committee Reports:**

Bylaws: Tatiana offered the subcommittee report on the Rules of Procedure of the Ethics Commission. The subcommittee did not reach a consensus on a particular issue and is bringing that before the commission as a whole – the item is 5E on page 6. Discussion followed on the time frame for 5E.

A motion was made to adopt the rules in total with an amendment to change the time period in Rules 5(e) to 30 days. The amendment was adopted unanimously. The rules were adopted unanimously.

Transparency & Open Government: Mary reported on the ethics pledge and made a motion that the pledge be adopted. Discussion followed. The motion to adopt the membership pledge was adopted. This will be presented at the annual ethics training in the near future.

Carla reported on the various ethics bills. Discussion followed.

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Public Comments were offered by Dan Carr, Conrad Markle and Rod Morrill.

Discussion followed.

Braxton offered a motion to support Council Member Shad's bill for 2011-167 that while we may not agree with each provision in it's entirety, we agree in spirit, and support his work through Rules. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. The motion failed.

Kirby proposed that the members go through the bill and offer a resolution.

It was noted that 602.934 (b) needs to be addresses to be consistent with the Bylaws subcommittee recommendations and 602.941 as well.

Kirby made a motion to have a resolution in favor of all of the sections of 2011-167, withstanding sub Part A, everything but membership. The motion passed.

602.912 - Membership was discussed and various changes were offered which will be reflected in a resolution from the Ethics Commission.

Braxton made a motion to keep the language "All appointees shall be confirmed by Council" the motion passed with a vote of four in favor (Braxton, Mary, Tatiana & Lee) and three opposed (Kirby, James and Gene). The motion passed.

Kirby offered a motion for a resolution in favor of language in Part A, with the following changes on Subsection D on selection – the Perkins Bar Association to the Jacksonville Bar Association; add One Jax and change President of Florida State College of Jacksonville to the State Attorney and add a provision that they will rotate. The motion carried unanimously.

A meeting will be set to discuss the second ethics bill in mid April. Please communicate with Carla any changes ahead of time to allow for alternative draft language.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Susan Stewart  
Ethics Coordinator

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Date of Approval

This is a summary of the meeting and is not a verbatim transcription. A tape recording of these proceedings is available in the Duval Legislative Delegation Office at City Hall.