



EL PASO COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Board Overview

The Ethics Commission was created by Commissioners Court in September 2009. The stability of democracy depends upon the continuing consent of the governed, which in turn depends upon the trust the electorate holds for its government. The Ethics Commission of the County of El Paso, Texas, in concert with elected county officials, as well as leaders of the various county departments recognize the need to maintain the public trust and confidence in the workings of County government and thus adopts this Code of Ethics:

http://www.epcounty.com/ethicscom/documents/Code_of_Ethics.pdf

The board does not have bylaws, but is governed by Chapter 161 of the Texas Local Government Code, its own Code of Ethics and Rules and Procedures:

http://www.epcounty.com/ethicscom/documents/Rules_and_Procedures.pdf

Duties

The Ethics Commission adopts, publishes, and enforces an ethics code governing county public servants.

Seats

It is a 10-member commission that serves to adopt, publish, and enforce an ethics code governing county public servants.

Qualifications

In addition to the training requirements, a person must also meet the following:

Sec. 161.056. ELIGIBILITY. (a) To be eligible for appointment to the commission, a person must:

- (1) Be at least 18 years old;
- (2) Be a property taxpayer in the county; and
- (3) Have resided in the county for the two years immediately preceding the date on which the person's term will begin.

(b) A person is not eligible for appointment to the commission if the person is:

- (1) An elected officer;
- (2) A county employee;
- (3) A county affiliate;
- (4) A person employed as a lobbyist;
- (5) A person convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or a felony; or
- (6) A person who is delinquent in payment of local, state, or federal taxes.

Terms

Each member of the commission is appointed for a term of two years.

Meeting Time

The Commission usually meets once per quarter to review items that have been placed on the agenda. If any complaints or issues need to be addressed by the Commission between regular meetings, a special meeting will be held. With the exception of Executive Session, these meetings are always open to the public.

Once per Quarter:

2013 Dates:

- January 10
- April 4
- July 11
- October 3

Begins at 1:00 p.m.

County Courthouse – 3rd Floor

County Judge's Conference Room

500 E. San Antonio Street

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