

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Commission Begins Research into Creating Code of Ethics

(Phoenix) The Arizona Corporation Commission is moving forward in creating new code of ethics rules for the Commission.

Commissioner Boyd Dunn, who was named Chairman to the Committee on Ethics, opened a Commission docket encouraging input from Commissioners, stakeholders, and the public.

"We need to make every effort to draft a code that is lawful, practical, consistent, measured and above all, ethical in its directives," said Commissioner Boyd Dunn. "This code of ethics cannot be created in isolation and the process must be transparent."

In his letter to the docket, Commissioner Dunn outlined priorities to begin the process with the following:

- Exploring the bounds of the Commission's authority to promulgate a code of ethics,
- Exploring the scope and role of a code ethics,
- Exploring and potentially defining impartiality, conflicts of interest, bias and recusals,
- Exploring and potentially defining the standards for faithful execution of office,
- Exploring how the Commission should hand the disclosure of political and charitable, contributions or lobbying and advertising expenses,
- Exploring the applicability and legislative intent behind SB 1516 amending portions of the Arizona Revised Statues related to campaign finance.

The docket can be viewed by going to www.azcc.gov and going to eDocket and entering docket number AU-00000E-17-0079. For instructions on how to file a comment to the docket follow this link to our docket control http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/hearings/docket.asp.

Established by Article 15 of the state's constitution, the Arizona Corporation Commission is responsible for the regulation of public utilities, overseeing the incorporation or registration of companies wishing to do business in Arizona. Additionally, the Corporation Commission registers and oversees securities offerings and dealers, and enforces railroad and pipeline safety. The five commissioners that make up the Commission are elected by the people of Arizona for a four-year term, with the option of serving for two consecutive terms. To learn more about the Arizona Corporation Commission and the Commissioners, please check out http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Administration/about.asp