

ETHICS COMMISSION

Three (3) vacancies with terms to 9-30-23. (*Members are appointed by two-thirds vote of the full Council*).

Duties

The Ethics Commission, in addition to having jurisdiction over complaints involving any "city official", are to prepare and publish pamphlets and other materials explaining the duties of individuals subject to the code of ethics; review all statements and reports filed with the city; annually review the code of ethics and make appropriate recommendations to the city council; review all public opinions related to the code of ethics that are issued by the city attorney; prepare and disseminate a report listing all campaign contributions and expenditures for each candidate within 30 days following the deadline for filing the last campaign finance reports for each city council election. The commission shall have such meetings as may be necessary to fulfill its responsibilities. The chairperson or any three (3) members may call a meeting provided that reasonable notice is given to each member. The commission shall meet at least once a year. The date of the annual meeting shall be in September. The commission shall comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Composition

Nine members appointed by a two-thirds vote of the full council. Nominations are to be solicited from a wide variety of professional and community organizations in the city, but interested individuals may also submit their names for consideration. Members shall hold office for three-year terms commencing October 1. No holding over is permitted except as expressly provided in the Code of Ethics. The commission shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson.

Member size	Term length	Term limit
9	3	6

Name	District	Term	Appt. date	End date	Appointing Au	Position	Status	Attendance
Claude C. Axel	District 4	1	10/10/2017	9/30/2020	City Council		Seeking reappointment	4/4 meetings 100%
Keith Heavilin	District 4	1	10/10/2017	9/30/2020	City Council		Not seeking reappointment	
Drue Jones	District 2	1	6/23/2015	9/30/2020	City Council	Chair	Seeking reappointment	3/4 meetings 75% (1 excused absence)
David J Bendett	District 4	Partial	1/14/2020	9/30/2021	City Council		Active	
Edward Sample	District 5	1	9/18/2018	9/30/2021	City Council		Active	
Sandra Sanchez	District 5	1	9/18/2018	9/30/2021	City Council		Active	
Rob Bailey	District 4	2	10/1/2019	9/30/2022	City Council	Vice-Chair	Active	
Richard G. Hood	District 5	2	10/1/2019	9/30/2022	City Council		Active	
Craig Rogers	District 4	2	10/1/2019	9/30/2022	City Council		Active	

ETHICS COMMISSION

Applicants

Name	District
Ed Bennett	District 5
Adam R Copeland	District 5
Violeta C Guerra	District 5

Application for a City Board, Commission, Committee or Corporation

Profile

Mr. Ed Bennett
Prefix First Name Last Name

[REDACTED]

Email Address

6513 Miranda Dr.

Street Address

Corpus Christi

City

TX

State

78414

Postal Code

What district do you live in? *

☒ District 5

Current resident of the city?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how many years?

10

Home: (956) 792-5534

Primary Phone

Home: (956) 874-9325

Alternate Phone

Bennett Consulting

Employer

Certified Public Accountant /
Certified Fraud Examiner /
Regent Del Mar College

Job Title

Work Address - Street Address and Suite Number

6513 Miranda Dr

Work Address - City

Corpus Christi

Work Address - State

tx

Work Address - Zip Code

78414

Work Phone

9567925534

Work E-mail address

ed@southtexasmis.com

Preferred Mailing Address

☒ Home/Primary Address

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

ETHICS COMMISSION: Submitted

Interests & Experiences

Are you a registered voter?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you currently serve on any other City board, commission or committee at this time? If so, please list:

no

Education, Professional and/or Community Activity (Present)

BBA, MS Accountancy University of Houston Regent Del Mar College CPA CFE

Why are you interested in serving on a City board, commission or committee?

My background and experience can be a valuable asset for the ethics commission. I want to raise the ethical standards of the entire area to instill confidence in our taxpayers and businesses.

[Upload a Resume](#)

Are you an ex-Officio member of a City Board, commission or committee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Demographics

Gender

☒ Male

Code of Ethics - Rules of Conduct/Conflicts of Interest

Do you represent any person or organization in any claim or lawsuit or proceeding involving the City?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you, your spouse, your business or your spouse's business have a City contract?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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I have not answered yes to any of these questions.

Board-specific questions (if applicable)

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you willing to provide an Annual Report of Financial Information as required by the Code of Ethics?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Verification

City Code Requirement - Residency

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Consent for Release of Information

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☒ I Agree

Oath

I swear that all of the statements included in my application and attached documents, if any, are true and correct.

☒ I Agree

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Corpus Christi, Texas 78414
(ed@southtexasmis.com)
(956) 792-5534

EXPERIENCE

Regent – Del Mar College Corpus Christi, Texas

2016 (six-year term)

Bennett Consulting/Valley M.I.S./ South Texas M.I.S., LLC

1997- Present

- Management Information Systems consulting company based in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Provided computer network consulting to clients ranging from local area network design to wide area networks linking multiple locations.
- Software conversion – converted clients from either manual or earlier Windows or UNIX based systems to newer Windows based systems. Supervised conversions for several accounting software packages.
- Internal control evaluation. Design control systems to help prevent the loss of assets. Analyzed and flow charted the internal control systems for client with assets in excess of one hundred million dollars. Recommended and supervised the implementation of changes to enhance the company's internal controls system.
- Forensic accounting services to reconstruct and document embezzlement activity.
- Accounting Controllorship responsibilities for small clients. Trained accounting personnel.

HB Distribution, Inc.

1992 – 1997

- Founded this computer components distribution Company that began operations with four employees in a fifteen hundred square foot warehouse. In the five years of operations, the Company generated ninety million dollars of revenue and employed forty-three people in three locations.
- Setup internal control system and the VAX computer network to support a wide area network linking the San Antonio, Dallas and Houston warehouse operations.
- Negotiated all banking relationships
- Performed all financial planning and forecasting

Star stream Communications, Inc.

1990 – 1992

- Coordinated the financial reporting for this publically-traded company to consolidate the Polish operation into the United States reporting entity. Replaced entire accounting staff in the United States and met with accountant in Warsaw Poland three times during 1991 to create accurate records that allowed the Company to file accurate financial reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Installed a working internal control system into this operation that did not have segregated accounting duties.

Entertainment Marketing Incorporated

1988 - 1990

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

- American Stock Exchange Company, Inc. Magazine's number one fastest growing public Company in 1988.
- Identified internal control weaknesses in this entrepreneurial environment. Convinced the CEO, Through very detailed financial analysis, that the company could not survive without immediate alteration in the direction of its management.
- Designed and implemented the short-term business plan that resulted in complete restructuring of the management.
- Developed banking relationships that resulted in implementing a cash management system that saves the company in excess of \$150,000 per year. Negotiated substantially lower insurance rates.
- Consummated \$20 million asset-based line of credit within fourteen months of my being hired.

E.R.C. Industries, Inc.

1986 - 1988

Vice President of Finance and Administration

- Identified areas of potential cost savings and evaluated the impact on the company's operations.
- Designed the financial plan that enabled the company to successfully file for protection under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code and later emerge as a viable, publicly traded entity.
- Implemented a credit policy and hired the company's first credit manager to monitor the policy.
- Formulated and installed a budgeting system that forecast the company's revenues and expenses, by financial statement line item, for twelve months, including the pro forma balance sheet and cash flow statements.
- Filed initial S-2 and 10-K reports with the S.E.C.

Strata Bit Corporation

1985 - 1986

Manager of Financial Accounting (Corporate Controller)

- Reconstructed the financial records of \$23 million international diamond drill bit manufacturer. Identified the control weaknesses, developed appropriate internal control systems and Implemented them.
- Converted the company's accounting system from manual to computerize.
- Installed comprehensive internal control system.

Equipment Renewal Company

1982 - 1985

Controller

Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

1979 - 1982

Senior Accountant

- Audited clients including manufacturing companies, mutual funds, health care, and profit sharing plans, and included several publicly-traded companies.

EDUCATION

M.S. Accountancy- 1978

University of Houston

B.B.A. – 1977

University of Houston

Certified Public Accountant 1979

(Passed the November 1978 C.P.A. exam)

Certified Fraud Examiner 2019

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Adam

First Name

R

Middle Initial

Copeland

Last Name

Email Address

7605 Rocksprings Dr.

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Corpus Christi

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If yes, how many years?

2.5

Mobile: (214) 310-3384

Primary Phone

Home: (214) 310-3539

Alternate Phone

Lexington Baptist Church

Employer

Senior Pastor

Job Title

Work Address - Street Address and Suite Number

3525 SPID

Work Address - City

Corpus Christi

Work Address - State

TX

Work Address - Zip Code

78415

Work E-mail address

adamykim@gmail.com

Preferred Mailing Address

☒ Home/Primary Address

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B.A. in Biblical Studies; M.A. in Cross-Cultural Ministry; M.Div. in Missions. Veteran-United States Marine Corps.

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I want to take an active role in serving our community and ensuring that our leaders are held to high moral standards.

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Violeta

First Name

C

Middle Initial

Guerra

Last Name

Email Address

5318 Tartan Circle

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Primary Phone

Business: (361) 878-0160

Alternate Phone

CCISD

Employer

Asst. Principal

Job Title

Work Address - Street Address and Suite Number

5241 Kenter

Work E-mail address

violeta.guerra@ccisd.us

Preferred Mailing Address

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I currently serve as an administrator for a CCISD elementary campus.

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I am interested in having a positive impact on our community, especially in determining if certain circumstances/situations or decisions are following ethical standards.

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