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ELIZABETH A. JONES, COMMISSIONER  
DAVID PORTER, COMMISSIONER

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
**FORMAL COMMISSION ACTIONS**  
**January 21, 2011**

After providing notice as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Railroad Commission of Texas held an open meeting at the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, in Room 1-111, Austin, Texas, on [Friday, January 21, 2011](#), at [3:34 p.m.](#) [Chairman Michael L. Williams called the meeting to order. Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Elizabeth A. Jones and Commissioner David Porter were present. Chairman Williams presided.](#)

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

1. Issues related to the Sunset Advisory Commission review of the Railroad Commission, and specifically the Sunset Advisory Commission recommendation on Issue 1, relating to the governance of the Railroad Commission. The Commission heard an update from the Railroad Commission Executive Director John Tintera.
2. Issues regarding emissions from oil and gas operations in the Barnett Shale gas trend. The Commission heard and update from the Railroad Commission Executive Director John Tintera.
3. Appointment of Kathy Way as Railroad Commission Secretary. The Commission unanimously approved the recommendation.

**COMMISSIONERS**

**Commissioner Porter**

4. Election of the Chairman in light of the Sunset Advisory Commission's recommendations regarding the composition and structure of the Railroad Commission. Commissioner Porter moved to make Commissioner Elizabeth A. Jones Chairman of the Railroad Commission. The Commission unanimously approved the recommendation.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

5. The Commission will provide an opportunity for general public input on any matter under the jurisdiction of the Commission, in accordance with the policy adopted on September 7, 2005.

The conference was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.