



## Biography: Council Member Philip T. Kingston

Being actively involved in District 14 neighborhood leadership roles since 2000, Philip Kingston was elected to the Dallas City Council on June 24, 2013, and is serving his 2nd term representing Council District 14, which includes Downtown Dallas, Uptown, historic East Dallas, Turtle Creek, and Oak Lawn. Mayor Mike Rawlings appointed Philip as Chair of the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee; Vice Chair of the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee and as a member of the Police & Fire Pension Board, Public Safety Committee, and Quality of Life and Environment Committee.

Philip has taken on some of the city's toughest challenges. As the only freshman committee chair, he led a pioneering study of comprehensive Arts funding in Dallas. He led the effort to ensure Dallas citizens' access to Uber and other innovative car hire services. He fought to protect Dallas park land from gas drilling and helped pass an urban drilling ordinance that is now a national model.

Philip is an advocate for city workers and for the reintegration of ex-offenders into our economy. For his successful efforts to pay city contractors a living wage, the local chapter of the AFL-CIO recognized him as the Champion of the Living Wage Ordinance. Working in collaboration with his former colleague Dwaine Caraway, he initiated a pioneering reentry program for ex-offender sanitation workers resulting in improved wages and employability for those workers. Philip is a strong advocate for LGBT constituents and is a two-time winner of the LGBT Task Force's Spirit of Equality Ally Award.

Representing the hottest development areas in Dallas, Philip is recognized as a zoning, land use, and economic development expert. District 14 projects he has been involved in have resulted in over a billion dollars of new property value for the city.

In his professional career as a lawyer, Philip has been recognized as a Rising Star by Texas Monthly Magazine in 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, and 2011. He is a founding member of the Dallas Bar Association's Public Forum Committee and was chair in 2010. In that role, he has brought some of the most important civic leaders in Dallas to the Bar for speaking events and debates. Philip has a long-standing commitment to legal services to the poor having received the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program's Outstanding Clinic Attorney of the Year Award three times for his work at the West Dallas Clinic. He travels to West Dallas to volunteer because that's where the clients need legal advice in Spanish. He is also an alumnus of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers' 2004 Leadership Class and Leadership DISD.

### EDUCATION

Baylor Law School, JD General Civil Litigation, 1999

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**Figueroa, Sophia**

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**To:** Kleinman, Lee  
**Subject:** Phone Message DPFPS

I just received a call from Mr. Sandy Alexander (214-514-2272) with CA Forensics. He was hired as CPA regarding Richard Tettamant. His call today is to ask if CM Kingston ever notified you about information from a call back in December. Mr. Alexander stated that per CM Kingston he would notify the other Councilmembers about Mr. Alexander's comments. Mr. Alexander would not give me specific details.

*Thank You,  
Sophia Figueroa  
Council Assistant for  
Councilmember Lee M. Kleinman  
District 11  
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# Kingston faces censure for comments

## Remarks to media about possible sale could hurt deal, his fellow trustees say

Dallas Morning News; Tristan Hallman, Staff Writer

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A Dallas City Council member's comments to the media about plans to sell the troubled Museum Tower could earn him a reprimand from the Dallas Police and Fire Pension Board.

Council member Philip Kingston's decision to make public comments about a possible sale of the system-owned tower could damage efforts to make a deal, according to fellow pension trustees.

But Kingston didn't back down in a tense pension board meeting Thursday, even as other trustees accused him of weakening their negotiating position when he spoke on WFAA-TV (Channel 8) earlier this month about the vexing downtown skyscraper.

Board chairman Sam Friar said the censure debate is "nothing personal." But the debate among other board members often got heated.

The discussion centered on a video of Kingston telling *Inside Texas Politics* host Jason Whitely that he would like the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System to sell Museum Tower for at least \$100 million. He also said the half-full building should sell for about \$600-\$700 a square foot.

The board's policy calls for only the administrator, public relations firm, board chair and top deputies to speak on behalf of the system. And it's unusual for elected officials to publicly discuss the specifics of prospective real estate deals — something state law expressly permits to be handled in secret.

Kingston, along with council members Lee Kleinman, Scott Griggs and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Erik Wilson are in peculiar spots on the 12-member board relative to the police officers and firefighters who serve alongside them. Mayor Mike Rawlings appointed the council members — even though Griggs and Kingston are often his political adversaries — to help fix the financially shaky system.

Kingston, who is outspoken at City Hall, said he was only giving his personal opinion during his TV appearance. But several board members noted that Kingston said "we" a few times in his appearance.

The board was initially going to consider the formal censure Thursday at a special meeting.

Kingston and ally Griggs called the censure threat an ambush. Friar, a Dallas firefighter, had failed to notify Kingston about the censure plan prior to Thursday's meeting. Friar said he mistakenly texted the notification to the wrong number. He apologized and said he would get the censure process right.

But council member Kleinman, the board's vice chairman, admonished Kingston and wanted to move forward anyway.

"You shot your mouth off, and now you and Griggs are trying to lawyer your way out of it," Kleinman said.

Kleinman also called Griggs and Kingston "the kings of ambushing" at City Hall, which they suggested was a personal attack that had nothing to do with a discussion about pension fund investments.

Museum Tower, located near Klyde Warren Park, cost the system \$200 million to build.

The residential tower has been an albatross since it opened. Condo sales got off to a slow start, and glare issues have pitted the pension system in a lengthy and sometimes bitter feud with the adjacent Nasher Sculpture Center.

Board members lauded Kingston's efforts to find solutions for Museum Tower's issues. But Kleinman accused Kingston of soliciting an offer for the building on WFAA, and said Kingston did so while quoting the square footage price incorrectly.

"You're damaging the value of the system," Kleinman said.

# Dallas City Council Member Kingston

## Dallas wants \$8,000 back from Philip Kingston for missing too many council meetings

Dallas Morning News; Tristan Hallman, Staff Writer

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City officials say council member Philip Kingston owes Dallas taxpayers thousands of dollars.



Chief financial officer Elizabeth Reich told Kingston in a memo that he missed too many meetings in the 12 months ending June 19 and needs to pay the city back \$8,160 of his \$60,000 salary. But Kingston told Reich on Friday that he is disputing the city's calculations and doesn't plan to return any money to City Hall.

"I really feel like this is a witch hunt," Kingston said in an interview.

The unusual quarrel and financial penalty stem from a city charter provision. If council members miss more than 10 percent of the total "regular meetings" in a compensation year, their pay is to be docked by the same percentage of meetings they missed.

In Kingston's case, Reich's memo lists 11 unexcused absences out of 81 scheduled meetings. That came out to 13.6 percent of his scheduled regular meetings. The East Dallas council member, like many of his colleagues, missed several other meetings, but the council voted to designate those absences as "official city business." The designation excuses those absences.

Kingston last year served on the Public Safety, Quality of Life and Budget, Finance and Audit committees. He also chaired the Ad Hoc Judicial Committee and served on the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System board — but neither of those assignments is included in the tally.

The city secretary's office does not count special-called meetings or canceled meetings as regular meetings.

Kingston said he counted 92 meetings, including the ad hoc committee and canceled meetings.

He is also disputing his absences at two council briefings on Nov. 2 and April 5.

Occasional wide shots on video in the April 5 meeting do not appear to show Kingston in attendance. And the meeting minutes state that Kingston did not arrive until 11:59 a.m., when a lengthy closed-door executive session began. The minutes also show that he was absent during votes early in the morning.

Still, Kingston said he attended that meeting.

"I clearly remember being in those briefings," Kingston said.

Kingston was definitely in attendance for at least part of the Nov. 2 meeting. But he is not seen in wide shots of the council in the latter half of the meeting. Council members are counted as absent if they miss more than 50 percent of a meeting.

But council members often leave chambers at times to take restroom breaks and to have phone conversations in the hallways. And then it's up to the city secretary to keep track of their time in and out of the meeting.

Kingston believes City Secretary Rosa Rios could have a grudge against him because he wants to oust her from her job.

Rios said she is aware that Kingston "is not a supporter" of hers. But she bristled at the suggestion that she is out to get the council member.

"My office doesn't do witch hunts," Rios said. "We base our information on facts. ... I don't make my decisions for political purposes."

Rios also said decisions on a council member's pay are not hers to make. She said she just provides the information on attendance to the chief financial officer.

Reich said Friday that she will "re-examine the issue" at Kingston's request.

"I'm certainly willing to take another look," she said.

Reich, who began working at City Hall last fall, said no other City Council members missed enough meetings to have their pay docked this year. And Reich's predecessor, Jeanne Chipperfield, who was the CFO for more than six years, said she doesn't remember ever docking a council member's pay.

But the city has asked for repayments from some council members in the past, including John Loza, Angela Hunt, James Fantroy and Don Hill.

Chipperfield, who now leads the city's ethics office, said "it's pretty rare" for anyone to go over the 10 percent threshold.

Kingston's absences drew some public attention during a June 14 meeting. Council members got to vote on an agenda item to excuse his absence from a June 5 committee meeting.

Kingston had submitted a memo on June 2 stating he would miss that committee meeting to attend an event hosted by fellow council member Tiffinni Young, which would count as official city business. But Young, who has since lost her council seat, told her council colleagues that Kingston did not attend the event.

The discussion then took a peculiar turn. Kingston, who had to recuse himself and leave the room, walked back into the council chambers during the discussion and whispered off the microphone into then-Mayor Pro Tem Monica Alonzo's ear before leaving again. Alonzo, who also lost her seat in the last election, was presiding over the meeting while Mayor Mike Rawlings was in Canada on a trade trip.

Alonzo said Kingston told her "go ahead and deny it because I was at the vet with my dog."

Kingston confirmed that's what he said. He took the blame for not getting around to updating the memo, which kept the item on the agenda.

"I was just busy," he said.

**From:** [Sandy Alexander](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]@dallascityhall.com);  
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**Date:** Friday, September 29, 2017 1:31:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [170929 CM Philip Kingston - Texas Bar \(not eligible to practice\).pdf](#)  
[170929 CM Kingston - City of Dallas Bio.pdf](#)

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Councilmember [REDACTED]

Seems the Mayor's choice for Chair of the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee is not eligible to practice, once again.

Presumably easily fixed without casting a bad light on the City.

I trust you would agree.

Best regards, Sandy

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**Statutory Profile Last Certified On:** 03/29/2016

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**Firm Size:** Solo

**Occupation:** Private Law Practice

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**Services Provided:**

Hearing impaired translation: Not Specified

ADA-accessible client service: Yes

Language translation: Yes

**Fee Options Provided:**

### COURTS OF ADMITTANCE

**Federal:**

Texas Eastern District Court

Texas Northern District Court

Texas Southern District/Bankruptcy Court

**Other Courts:**

None Reported By Attorney

**Other States Licensed:**

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The filing entity being formed is a professional limited liability company. The name of the entity is:

**Kingston Law PLLC**

**Article 2 – Registered Agent and Registered Office**

A. The initial registered agent is an organization (cannot be company named above) by the name of:

OR

B. The initial registered agent is an individual resident of the state whose name is set forth below:

Name:

**Philip Kingston**

C. The business address of the registered agent and the registered office address is:

Street Address:

**4144 N. Central Expy, Ste. 600 Dallas TX 75204**

**Consent of Registered Agent**

A. A copy of the consent of registered agent is attached.

OR

B. The consent of the registered agent is maintained by the entity.

**Article 3 - Governing Authority**

A. The limited liability company is to be managed by managers.

OR

B. The limited liability company will not have managers. Management of the company is reserved to the members.

The names and addresses of the governing persons are set forth below:

Managing Member 1: **Philip Kingston**

Title: **Managing Member**

Address: **4144 N. Central Expy, Ste. 600 Dallas TX, USA 75204**

**Article 4 - Purpose**

The company is organized for the rendition of the professional service set forth below:

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Table with 2 rows for ownership information. Columns include Name of owned (subsidiary) corporation or limited liability company, State of formation, Texas SOS file number, if any, and Percentage of ownership.

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Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Title: LLC MEMBER Date: 5/13/13 Area code and phone number: (214) 642-1707

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File Number : 801638512

Certificate / Charter forfeited : August 07, 2015

The Secretary of State finds that:

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2. The Comptroller of Public Accounts has determined that the taxable entity has not revived its forfeited privileges within 120 days after the date that the privileges were forfeited.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 171.309 of the Texas Tax Code, the Secretary of State hereby forfeits the charter, certificate or registration of the taxable entity as of the date noted above and records this notice of forfeiture in the permanent files and records of the entity.



*Carlos H. Cascos*

Carlos H. Cascos  
Secretary of State

# Dallas City Council Member Kingston

## Dallas ethics panel recommends reprimand for Kingston after he filmed ad in council office

Dallas Morning News; Tristan Hallman, Staff Writer

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An ethics panel unanimously ruled Friday that Dallas City Council member Philip Kingston violated the city's ethics rules when he filmed a campaign ad in his City Hall office.

The city's five-member Ethics Advisory Commission recommended a relatively light punishment: a letter of reprimand, which amounts to an official slap on the wrist. Kingston's council colleagues will ultimately have the final say on his sanction.

The commission's evidentiary hearing was the first test of a new ethics rule that explicitly forbids council members from using city facilities for political advertising and campaign communication.

Dallas attorney Sean Kelly made Kingston's case Friday at the commission hearing. Kelly, who got the commission to reschedule the hearing two weeks ago, said Kingston couldn't attend Friday because he had a previously planned out-of-state trip.

Kelly did not dispute that Kingston recorded the 51-second ad, which he posted to Facebook, in his campaign office. The ad promoted a campaign fundraiser at an East Dallas restaurant. But Kelly said that if Kingston committed a violation, it was "a technical violation of a vague rule."

"To accuse someone of being unethical for filming a Facebook video at their desk is a stretch," Kelly said.

Without citing any evidence, Kelly said that Kingston's council colleagues have also posted possible ethics violations to social media and that the rules are "very broad" restrictions on speech that raise chilling First Amendment concerns.

"Going forward, any council member will have to walk on eggshells to film any sort of campaign video anywhere in the city to make sure they do not show something that is a city facility or city personnel," Kelly said.

Kingston, reached by phone, said the ethics process revealed to him that both the ethics code and the Ethics Advisory Commission's procedures are "extremely confusing."

Kelly argued similarly during the hearing that the code needed to be rewritten and clarified. He noted that the language in the ordinance refers to the Texas Elections Commission, which does not exist, rather than the Texas Ethics Commission.

But Kingston and the rest of the council approved the ordinance language in March after a lengthy rewrite of the code.

The commission's chairman, John Rogers, picked apart Kelly's arguments and said he "was actually a little offended by" some of them.



Rogers said Kingston should have shown some contrition rather than attack the rules he had supported. Rogers said that if Kingston had a problem with the rules, he should have tried to amend them when the council was considering the major overhaul of the ethics rules.

But Rogers also didn't see the need for more severe punishment. He and other commission members said that they believed the violation was unintentional and that reasonable people would likely not know that Kingston was in his relatively nondescript official office in the ad.

Only one commission member, Royce West Jr., son of the state senator, pushed for a censure, which is a more serious sanction.

Barry Jacobs, a retired lawyer, filed the complaint. He said Kingston's response was "a waste of everybody's time."

"This is not just a distraction, this is an insult to our intelligence," he said.

Jacobs, a supporter of Kingston's May political opponent Matt Wood, said his decision to pursue the complaint was "really about having the rules Mr. Kingston made apply to him."

"He can hardly stand up and make laws for the rest of us if he's not going to abide by them."