

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the July 10, 2018, Special Meeting
Telephonic meeting, 10:00 a.m. MST

Present: Chair April Jones; Vice-Chair Jo Ann Sorensen; Commissioner William Leone; and Commissioner Matt Smith.

Absent: Dino Ioannides, IEC Executive Director

Also Present: Gina Cannan and Gina Simonson of the Colorado Attorney General's Office.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none. Ms. Cannan updated the Commission that, before the meeting started, Marianne Goodland of Colorado Politics queried what made this a special meeting, and Ms. Cannan addressed that question during the public comment period, explaining that it was convened to consider two specific matters.
3. The Commission called Complaints 16-02 and 17-14, Commissioner Leone presiding. Counsel for complainant and respondent entered their appearances.
4. At 10:11 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) and §13-90-107(1)(b) concerning Complaints 16-02 and 17-14, for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

5. The Commission met in Executive Session from 10:11 a.m. to 10:51 a.m. to receive legal advice concerning Complaints 16-02 and 17-14.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

6. The Commission returned to open session at 10:52 a.m.
7. Upon motion of Commissioner Smith, the Commission unanimously adopted the written order memorializing the action taken at the last meeting to assert jurisdiction over Complaints 16-02 and 17-14.
8. Commissioner Leone asked the parties to address Respondent's oral motion to stay investigation of Complaints 16-02 and 17-14 pending resolution of Respondent's anticipated C.R.C.P. 106 action.

9. After hearing from the parties, Commissioner Leone suggested to the Commission that consideration of Respondent's oral motion be delayed until the Commission's August 20, 2018 meeting, except that Ms. Cannan be directed to continue pursuing hiring an independent investigator and present options to the Commission at its August 20 meeting.
10. The other commissioners agreed to Commissioner Leone's proposed course of action.
11. Commissioner Leone noted for the record that Jason Dunn's notice of appearance on behalf of Respondent was accepted by the Commission and Hal Hadden's withdrawal from representation of Respondent was also accepted.
12. The Commission called Complaint 17-13, Commissioner Leone presiding. Counsel for complainant entered his appearance.
13. Upon motion of Commissioner Sorensen, the Commission unanimously adopted the written order memorializing the action taken at the last meeting to dismiss Complaint 17-13, with Commissioner Smith noting that he dissented from the opinion.
14. At 11:19 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) and §13-90-107(1)(b) concerning Complaint 17-18, for purposes of receiving updates concerning ongoing litigation or for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

15. The Commission met in Executive Session from 11:19 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to receive updates concerning ongoing litigation and for purposes of receiving legal advice concerning Complaint 17-18.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

16. The Commission returned to open session at 12:01 p.m.
17. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 12:03 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., 1300 Broadway, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully Submitted,

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