

## **COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION**

Minutes of the September 12, 2019, Meeting  
1300 Broadway, First Floor Court of Appeals Courtroom, 9:30 a.m.  
Denver, Colorado

Present: Chair Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa; Vice-Chair William Leone (appearing by telephone); Commissioner Debra Johnson; and Commissioner Yeulin Willet.

Also Present: Dino Ioannides, IEC Executive Director; and Chris Aggeler and Gina Simonson of the Colorado Attorney General's Office.

### **I. GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Vice-Chair Leone called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.
2. Two new commissioners, Commissioners Johnson and Willett, were introduced and welcomed.
3. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
4. Consideration of the minutes was tabled, pending the arrival of Commissioner Espinosa Krupa.
5. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report, with the exception of the budget report, which was tabled pending the arrival of Commissioner Espinosa Krupa.
6. The Commission called Advisory Opinion 19-03. Commissioner Espinosa Krupa arrived for the meeting and participated in consideration of same. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously adopted Advisory Opinion 19-03 as drafted.
7. Commissioner Espinosa Krupa took chairmanship of the meeting.
8. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the June 24, 2019, meeting.
9. Mr. Ioannides provided the remainder of the staff report, as pertaining to the FY 2021 budget. By unanimous consent, Commissioner Leone was delegated authority to work with Mr. Ioannides to finalize the FY 2021 budget request for the Joint Budget Committee.
10. At 10:30 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 (III), to discuss Complaint 19-09, for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions and which is required to be kept confidential pursuant to Article XXIX, §5(3)(b) of the Colorado Constitution.

11. Commissioner Willet recused himself.

## **II. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS**

12. The Commission met in executive session from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. concerning Complaint 19-09.

## **III. GENERAL BUSINESS**

13. The Commission returned to open session at 11:00 a.m.

14. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously (Commissioner Willett recused) dismissed Complaint 19-09 as frivolous under Rule 7.G. of the Commission's Rules of Procedure.

15. The Commission considered the applications received for appointment to the Commission's local government commissioner seat. By unanimous consent, Commissioner Johnson was delegated authority to review the applications, contact applicants, and make recommendations to the Commission at its next meeting; other commissioners are also permitted to contact applicants and make recommendations.

16. The Commission called Advisory Opinion 19-04. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously adopted Advisory Opinion 19-04 as drafted.

17. The Commission called Complaints 18-22 and 18-29.

18. At 11:29 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), to discuss Complaints 18-22 and 18-29, for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.

## **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS**

19. The Commission met in executive session from 11:29 a.m. to 12:00 noon concerning Complaints 18-22 and 18-29.

## **V. GENERAL BUSINESS**

20. The Commission returned to open session at 12:00 noon.

21. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously delegated authority to Chair Espinosa Krupa to work with Commission staff to finalize the report of investigation for release to the parties.

22. At 12:04 p.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 (III), to discuss Complaints 19-22 and 19-23, for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions and which are required to be kept confidential pursuant to Article XXIX, §5(3)(b) of the Colorado Constitution.

## **VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS**

23. The Commission met in executive session from 12:04 p.m. to 12:14 p.m. concerning Complaints 19-22 and 19-23.

## **VII. GENERAL BUSINESS**

24. The Commission returned to open session at 12:14 p.m.
25. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 19-22 as frivolous under Rule 7.G. of the Commission's Rules of Procedure.
26. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 19-23 as frivolous under Rule 7.G. of the Commission's Rules of Procedure.
27. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., 1300 Broadway, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides  
Executive Director  
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission