

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the January 14, 2020, Meeting
1300 Broadway, Room 2B, 9:00 a.m.
Denver, Colorado

Present: Chair Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa; Vice-Chair William Leone; Commissioner Selina Baschiera; Commissioner Debra Johnson; and Commissioner Yeulin Willett (participating by telephone).

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

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Chair Espinosa Krupa called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the December 05, 2019, meeting.
4. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.
5. Commissioner Johnson provided a report of her COGEL conference attendance.
6. The Commission considered Advisory Opinion 19-05.
7. At 9:14 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 Advisory Opinion 19-05, for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

8. The Commission met in executive session from 9:14 a.m. to 9:31 a.m. concerning Advisory Opinion 19-05.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

9. The Commission returned to open session at 9:31 a.m.
10. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved the issuance of Advisory Opinion 19-05, with the clarification of counsel in the supplemental materials.
11. The Commission considered Advisory Opinion 19-08. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved the issuance of Advisory Opinion 19-08.

12. The Commission discussed future IEC budget and staffing issues. The Commission authorized Mr. Ioannides to report back to the Commission, as necessary, about alternative staffing and budget options.
13. The Commission considered Advisory Opinion 19-07. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved issuance of Advisory Opinion 19-07.
14. At 10:18 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 Complaints 19-24, 19-25, and 19-26, 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.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

15. The Commission met in executive session from 10:18 a.m. to 10:44 a.m. concerning Complaints 19-24, 19-25, and 19-26.
16. Commissioner Willett recused himself from the discussion of Complaints 19-25 and 19-26.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

17. The Commission returned to open session at 10:44 a.m.
18. At 10:46 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), concerning legal updates from the Office of the Attorney General (1) regarding the applicability of the Open Meetings Law and relevant updates to rules and policies, for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions; and (2) for purposes of receiving updates concerning disputes involving the IEC that are the subject of pending or imminent court action and for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

19. The Commission met in executive session from 10:46 a.m. to 11:37 a.m. concerning legal updates from the Office of the Attorney General.

VII. GENERAL BUSINESS

20. The Commission returned to open session at 11:37 a.m.
21. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 11:38 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., 1525 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides
Executive Director
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission