

## COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the January 7, 2013 Meeting  
1300 Broadway First Floor 9 am  
Denver, Colorado

Present: Dan Grossman, Chair, (after 11 am); Sally H. Hopper; Vice-Chair, Bill Pinkham, Matt Smith.

Also Present: Jane T. Feldman, Executive Director, IEC; Lisa Brenner Freimann and Stacey Chapman of the Colorado Attorney General's Office.

### I. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The meeting commenced at 9:15 am.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Commissioner Smith suggested changes to the minutes of December 7, 2012. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2012 meeting as amended.
4. Executive Director's Report:
  - a. Ms Feldman reported on the move to the Ralph Carr Justice Center, and passed out her business card with her new contact information.
  - b. Ms. Feldman reported that she will be attending a General Assembly ethics training session on January 18, and will be speaking at a brown bag lunch CLE at the Capitol on February 21. She will also be doing training for new County Commissioners for CCI and for District Attorneys.
  - c. Ms. Feldman reported that commissioners can obtain a state.co.us account for email. Only Commissioner Grossman is interested.
  - d. Ms. Feldman passed out copies of a draft 2012 Annual Report, and asked Commissioners to get comments to her at the next meeting.
  - e. Ms. Feldman passed out copies of an article on Conflict of Interest which appeared in the Wyoming Lawyer.
5. Ms. Feldman reported on the research she and the intern did on other enforcement models.
6. Ms. Feldman updated the Commission on the status of her investigation of Complaint 12-06. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to grant Respondent's Motion to permit some of the witnesses to testify by telephone.
7. There was a discussion of Advisory Opinion 12-12 (Acceptance of Travel Expenses for a Conference). It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve Advisory Opinion 12-12 as revised (Commissioner Grossman did not participate).

8. There was an update on Complaint 12-07.
9. Suzanne Staiert, Deputy Secretary of State, appeared before the Commission and objected to the Commission's procedures. Her objections were overruled.
10. The Commission heard oral argument from the Respondent and the Complainant in Complaint 12-07 regarding Motions to Dismiss and Motion for a Reconsideration of the Frivolous Determination. The Motions were denied. A written order will be issued.
11. There was a discussion of Advisory Opinion 13-01. The Commission will consider a draft opinion at the next meeting. The Commission set a telephonic meeting for January 17, 2013.

The Commission adjourned at 3:15 pm. Next in person meeting is February 4, 2013 at 9 am at the Ralph Carr Justice Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane T. Feldman  
Executive Director