

## COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the January 23, 2009 Meeting  
633 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Courtroom 6, 14<sup>th</sup> floor, 10 a.m.  
Denver, Colorado

Present: Commissioners Nancy E. Friedman, chair; Matt Smith, vice chair; Sally H. Hopper (after 11:40 a.m.); Larry R. Lasha; Roy Wood (after 11:40 a.m.). Also Present: Jane T. Feldman, Executive Director of the IEC; James Carr of the Colorado Attorney General's Office (after 12 p.m.); Linda Siderius, conflicts counsel (until 12 p.m.)

### I. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The meeting commenced at 10 a.m. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the agenda of the open session portion of the January 23, 2009 meeting.
2. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the open session portion of the January 14, 2009 meeting.

### II. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

The Commission met in Executive Session from 10:05-11:40 a.m.

### III. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Commission returned to Open Session at 11:40 a.m.

#### 1. Complaint 08-01:

- a. Commissioner Wood made a statement recusing himself from consideration of Complaint 08-01. The recusal was effective as of January 14, 2009. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to accept Commissioner Wood's recusal. (Commissioner Hopper recused)
- b. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously (Commissioners Hopper and Wood recused) to treat the Mr. Coffman's motion to recuse Commissioner Wood as moot, and to deny the motion to transfer Complaint 08-01 to an Administrative Law Judge. A formal written order will be provided to the parties when finalized.
- c. The Commission denied Mr. Coffman's informal request to file a Reply.

#### 2. Executive Director's Report:

- a. The Executive Director reported that she had updated the IEC's website and it was improved. She stated that she intended to further expand its content in the future. Commissioner Friedman inquired of members of the audience what improvements they would like to see on the website. Several suggested that the posting of minutes when approved would be useful. Ms. Feldman stated that she planned to do that.

b. Ms. Feldman reminded the Commissioners that the two interns from the University of Northern Colorado had started, and that one had almost completed work on the IEC's jurisdiction. Commissioner Smith suggested that it would be helpful if the interns attended a meeting so that the Commissioners could meet them.

c. Ms. Feldman reported that she had completed the paperwork for filing for an exemption to the hiring freeze and that the exemption should be filed with the Office of State Planning and Budget ("OSPB") soon. She also reported that OSPB had recommended the additional staff and reallocation of the Executive Director's position for the FY10 budget which is a good sign for the hiring freeze exemptions. There was a discussion of additional budget saving measures being considered by OSPB at this time.

d. Ms. Feldman reported that she had received a request to speak to a group from the Department of Public Safety the end of April 2009. There was a discussion of additional opportunities to speak about the Commission in the upcoming weeks and months.

3. IEC Goals for 2009: The Commission discussed the revised goals prepared by Commissioner Friedman. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the revised goals for 2009 and for 2010-11, and post that information on the website.

4. Position Statement 09-01: It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve Position Statement 09-01 (gifts from lobbyists and organizations represented by lobbyists) subject to a review for typographical and scrivener errors, and to issue the Position Statement on Monday, January 26, 2009.

5. No Other Business was raised.

### III. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

The Commission was in Executive Session from 12:25-3:50 p.m.

The Commission adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Next meeting: February 2, 2009 at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane T. Feldman  
Executive Director