

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the March 19, 2009 Meeting
633 17th Street, Room 12A, 10 a.m.
Denver, Colorado

Present: Commissioners Nancy E. Friedman, chair; Matt Smith, vice chair; Sally H. Hopper; Larry R. Lasha (after 10:45); Roy Wood

Also Present: Jane T. Feldman, Executive Director of the IEC; David Joeris of the Colorado Attorney General's Office

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 March 19, 2009 meeting.
2. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the open session portion of the February 20, 2009 meeting.
3. Commissioner Friedman reported that the deliberations in 08-01 are in process and a decision will be forthcoming.
4. Executive Director's Report:
 - a. Ms. Feldman reported on the status of the budget. The Commission appears to have sufficient money in its budget to have two meetings per month for the remainder of the year, and meet other outstanding obligations. She asked the Commissioners to submit all of their reimbursement requests to date at the next meeting , and to submit them monthly for the remainder of the fiscal year. She also reported that the Commission's budget has been cut for the next fiscal year, especially in the legal services line. She stated that if there were any legal issues that the Commission wanted researched, it would be helpful to make those requests during the current fiscal year.
 - b. One of the current college interns is interested in doing some work over the summer. A graduate student has also inquired about the possibility of interning with the Commission over the summer.
 - c. There was a discussion of the revised PDQs for the Executive Director and Assistant Director for Education and Training positions. Commissioner Smith asked to go into Executive Session so that he could ask a question of the Commission's attorney.

The Commission met in Executive Session from 10:30 to 10:40 am.

d. The Commission returned to Open Session, and it was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the two PDQs as amended during the discussion. There was a discussion of the PDQ and hiring process.

5. Other Business:

a. Commissioner Friedman reminded the other Commissioners that a new Chairperson is to be elected at the first meeting in April. This is to further the Commission's intent that it have a rotating Chairperson.

b. Commissioner Wood reported that he has a conflict for April 7, and asked if the meeting could be moved to April 6. That day was acceptable to all of the Commissioners, and the next meeting will be held on April 6, 2009.

The Commission went into Executive Session at 11 a.m.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

The Commission met in Executive Session from 11:00 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Commission returned to Open Session at 3:10 p.m.

1. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve Letter Ruling 09-03 (Meals to Board Members), subject to correction of typos and scrivener errors.
2. Complaint 09-02: Motion for Reconsideration: It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to reaffirm the IEC's previous decision to dismiss the complaint pursuant to IEC Rule 7.D.3 because it does not allege violations of Article XXIX or any other standard of conduct under the jurisdiction of the IEC.

The Commission adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Next meeting: April 6, 2009 at 10 a.m. at 633 17th Street, Room 12A, Denver, CO.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane T. Feldman
Executive Director