

## COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the June 16, 2009 Meeting  
633 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 12A, 10:00 a.m.  
Denver, Colorado

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

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

### I. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The meeting commenced at 10:05 a.m.
2. There was a discussion of the minutes of the open session portion of the May 19, 2009 meeting. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the open session portion of the May 19, 2009 meeting as amended.
3. Public Comment: Chantell Taylor, Director of Colorado Ethics Watch, commented that the additional staff member should not be used exclusively for education and training, but should also perform other tasks such as conduct investigations and research advisory opinions as mandated by the Constitution.
4. There was a discussion of the testing process for the Assistant Director position. The discussion was tabled for additional information from Monica Cortez-Sangster.
5. Executive Director's Report:
  - a. Ms. Feldman reported that she had resigned temporarily from the Board of Great Education Colorado during the pendency of one of the lawsuits against the IEC so as to avoid any appearance of impropriety.
  - b. Ms. Feldman reported that she had purchased a laptop for the IEC for \$1459.
  - c. Ms. Feldman reported that a member of the General Assembly who requested an advisory opinion in February had called to find out when the opinion would be issued.
  - d. Ms. Feldman reported that she had received two requests for documents

under the Colorado Open Records Act and that those requests had been completed.

6. There was a brief discussion of the public hearing on Complaint 08-01 that was conducted in March.
7. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. to discuss pending and imminent court actions involving the Commission.

## II. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

The Commission met in Executive Session from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to discuss pending and imminent litigation.

## III. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Commission returned to Open Session at 12:30 p.m.

There was further discussion of the hiring process, and whether current members of the Commission should be on the oral board. It was agreed that current members of the Commission should not be on the written or oral board.

## IV EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

The Commission met in Executive Session from 12:45-2:40 for further discussion of pending and imminent litigation.

## V. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. There was a discussion of Advisory Opinion 09-07 (Acceptance of a Prize by Government Employees). It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve Advisory Opinion 09-07 subject to amendments and a review for scrivener errors.
2. Commissioner Smith presented plaques of appreciation to Commissioners Friedman and Hopper and thanked them for their service.

Next meeting: July 21, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at 633 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 2A Denver, CO.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane T. Feldman  
Executive Director