COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the July 7, 2009 Meeting 633 17th Street, Suite 1300, 10:00 a.m. Denver, Colorado

BY TELEPHONE

Present: Commissioners Matt Smith, chair; Roy Wood, vice chair; Dan Grossman, Larry R. Lasha

Also Present: Jane T. Feldman, Executive Director of the IEC; Lisa Brenner Freimann 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 mandatory 10% budget reduction that the Governor has imposed on all state agencies. Ms. Feldman reported that the IEC will be required to cut approximately \$26,000 from its budget and the only way to do so is to reduce the vacant position either to a .5 FTE or to a .6 FTE with additional cuts to the operating line. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to propose a reduction to .6 FTE, with the remainder to be taken from the operating budget, but also to follow up with a request for an exemption, since the IEC's budget is so small.
- 3. There was a discussion of the status of the hiring of the Assistant Director position. Ms. Feldman reported that Monica Cortez-Sangster and Georgia Adame have stated that because of the reduction from a full FTE to a part-time FTE, they believe that the position should be reposted. There was a discussion of the changes in the duties given the reduction. There was a general consensus that the training aspect of the position would have to be put off until this was a full time position. Ms. Feldman was directed to re-write the PDQ for discussion at the next meeting.
- 4. There was a discussion of the scheduling of future meetings. Commissioner Lasha now has a conflict for the July 21, 2009 meeting. He agreed to be available by phone for portions of the meeting. The start time for that meeting was moved to 9 a.m. That meeting will be at 633 17th Street, Room 2A. An in-person meeting was scheduled for August 21, 2009 at a time and location to be determined. Tentative telephonic meetings were scheduled for August 17, and August 31.

5. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. to discuss pending and imminent court action involving the Commission.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

The Commission met in Executive Session from 10:40 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. to discuss pending and imminent litigation.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Commission returned to Open Session at 11:45 a.m.; it was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 11:46 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane T. Feldman Executive Director