

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION
Complaint No. 23-17

ORDER OF PARTIAL DISMISSAL

IN THE MATTER OF: MITCH LAKIND

On August 7, 2023, Kelly Elliott, Darcy Schoening, and Amy Stephens (“Complainants”) filed a complaint against the mayor of the town of Monument (“Respondent”) with the Independent Ethics Commission (“Commission”). At its August 15, 2023, meeting, the IEC voted to find the complaint non-frivolous pursuant to § 5(3)(b) of Article XXIX of the Colorado Constitution and IEC Rules 5(H) and 11(B).

The complaint includes numerous allegations regarding conduct dating back to April 2022, most of which are untimely under § 5(3)(a) of Article XXIX or involve allegations over which the IEC lacks jurisdiction. The IEC will consider only: (1) the allegations that Respondent improperly attempted to influence members of the Town Council in February, March, and April, 2023, on a matter in which he had a personal or private interest; and (2) the allegations relating to Respondent’s possible conflicts of interest at an April 11, 2023, meeting of the Monument Town Council.

Respondent is therefore directed to respond only to those allegations in the Complaint, as set forth in IEC Rule 5(H). Any remaining allegations are dismissed. Respondent’s Response is due 30 days from the day of this Order.

SO ORDERED this 22nd day of August, 2023.

The Independent Ethics Commission

Cole Wist, *Chair*

Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa, *Commissioner*

Lora Thomas, *Commissioner*

Daniel Wolf, *Commissioner*

Sarah Mercer, *Vice-Chair*, not participating