

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the April 28, 2020, Meeting
Meeting Conducted by Web Conference

Present: Chair Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa; Vice-Chair William Leone; Commissioner Selina Baschiera; Commissioner Debra Johnson; and Commissioner Yeulin Willett.

Also Present: Dino Ioannides, IEC Executive Director; and Gina Cannan and Gina Simonson of the Colorado Attorney General's Office.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Due to COVID-19, the meeting was conducted by web conference. Chair Espinosa Krupa called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the March 25, 2020, meeting.
4. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.
5. By unanimous consent, Chair Espinosa Krupa is assigned to work with the Executive Director to finalize the Commission's 2019 annual report.
6. The Commission called Advisory Opinion 20-01. The requester was present by web conference. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission, on a 4 – 0 vote, approved the issuance of Advisory Opinion 20-01, with Commissioner Willett concurring.
7. The Commission called Complaints 18-22 and 18-29. Complainant and respondent were present through counsel. Complainant indicated its objection to Respondent's Notice of Substitute Hearing Format. By unanimous consent, Complainant was afforded an opportunity to respond in writing.
8. At 9:49 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter executive session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) and (III), to discuss Complaints 20-01, 20-02, and 20-03, for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions, and which are required to be kept confidential pursuant to Article XXIX, §5(3)(b) of the Colorado Constitution.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

9. The Commission met in executive session from 9:49 a.m. to 10:08 a.m. concerning Complaints 20-01, 20-02, and 20-03.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

10. The Commission returned to open session at 10:08 a.m.
11. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 20-03 as frivolous and for lack of jurisdiction.
12. The Commission held its annual election of officers. By unanimous consent, the Commission appointed Commissioner Espinosa Krupa as chair and Commissioner Leone as vice-chair.
13. At 10:19 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter executive session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), concerning legal updates from the Office of the Attorney General for *Dunafon v. Jones*, for purposes of receiving updates concerning disputes involving the IEC that are the subject of pending or imminent court action and for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

14. The Commission met in executive session from 10:19 a.m. to 10:31 a.m. concerning legal updates from the Office of the Attorney General for *Dunafon v. Jones*.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

15. The Commission returned to open session at 10:31 a.m.
16. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 10:31 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. (location undetermined).

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides
Executive Director
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission