

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the June 05, 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, Gina Simonson, Christian Aggeler, and Jonathan Helfgott, 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 9:30 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. The Commission called Complaints 18-22 and 18-29. The complainant and respondent appeared through counsel. Respondent's counsel indicated that the respondent, John Hickenlooper, would be available to give testimony.
4. By unanimous consent, the Commission tabled discussion of contempt sanctions to receive the testimony of John Hickenlooper.
5. The Commission recessed at 11:12 a.m. and reconvened at 11:17 a.m.
6. The Commission clarified that all the exhibits stipulated to by the parties have been admitted into evidence.
7. The Commission recessed at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened at 1:20 p.m.
8. The Commission closed the deliberations phase of the hearing and opened deliberations.
9. At 2:50 p.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter executive session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), to discuss Complaints 18-22 and 18-29, for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

10. The Commission met in executive session from 2:50 p.m. to 3:22 p.m. concerning Complaints 18-22 and 18-29.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

11. The Commission returned to open session at 3:22 p.m.

12. The Commission resumed deliberations.
13. With respect to Respondent's travel for the commissioning of the USS Colorado, upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted 4 – 1 (Commissioner Espinosa Krupa dissenting) to find a violation of the gift ban for Respondent's private plane travel and the receipt of the two MDC Delegation dinners at The Olio Restaurant and The Oyster Club.
14. With respect to the air transportation provided to Respondent for his return trip from New Jersey on Mr. Tuchman's private plane, upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to find that there was no violation of the gift ban.
15. With respect to Respondent's Texas private air travel for the Kimball Musk wedding, upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted 4 – 1 (Commissioner Willett dissenting) to find that there was no violation of the gift ban.
16. With respect to Respondent's travel to Turin, Italy, upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to find that the Respondent's acceptance of transportation, meals, and private tours was a violation of the gift ban.
17. With respect to Respondent's travel from Washington, D.C., to Jackson Hole, WY, upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to find no violation of the gift ban.
18. With respect to Respondent's travel from Washington, D.C., to Centennial, CO, upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to find no violation of the gift ban.
19. By unanimous consent, the Commission postponed the balance of the agenda to the Commission's meeting on June 16, 2020.
20. By unanimous consent, the Commission postponed discussion of any issues remaining in Complaints 18-22 and 18-29, including the discussion of contempt sanctions, to June 12, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.
21. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 5:46 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides
Executive Director
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission