

# **COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION**

Minutes of the August 18, 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 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 9:01 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the July 21, 2020, meeting.
4. Mr. Ioannides reported that there were no significant updates since his last staff report.
5. At 9:04 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), for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions related to the draft opinion for Complaints 18-22 and 18-29.

## **II. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS**

6. The Commission met in executive session from 9:04 a.m. to 10:37 a.m. for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions related to the draft opinion for Complaints 18-22 and 18-29.

## **III. GENERAL BUSINESS**

7. The Commission returned to open session at 10:37 a.m.
8. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously adopted the draft Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Complaints 18-22 and 18-29, with the written opinion to be issued in due course.
9. At 10:43 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 20-07, 20-08, 20-11, 20-18, 20-20, 20-21, 20-22, 20-23, 20-24, 20-25, 20-26, 20-27, 20-28, 20-29, 20-30, 20-31, 20-32, 20-33, 20-34, 20-35, 20-36, 20-37, 20-38, 20-39, 20-40,

20-41, 20-42, 20-43, 20-44, 20-45, 20-46, 20-47, 20-48, 20-49, 20-50, 20-51, 20-52, 20-53, 20-54, 20-55, 20-56, 20-57, 20-58, 20-59, 20-60, 20-61, 20-62, 20-63, 20-64, and 20-65 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.

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS**

10. The Commission met in executive session from 10:43 a.m. to 12:11 p.m. concerning Complaints 20-07, 20-08, 20-11, 20-18, 20-20, 20-21, 20-22, 20-23, 20-24, 20-25, 20-26, 20-27, 20-28, 20-29, 20-30, 20-31, 20-32, 20-33, 20-34, 20-35, 20-36, 20-37, 20-38, 20-39, 20-40, 20-41, 20-42, 20-43, 20-44, 20-45, 20-46, 20-47, 20-48, 20-49, 20-50, 20-51, 20-52, 20-53, 20-54, 20-55, 20-56, 20-57, 20-58, 20-59, 20-60, 20-61, 20-62, 20-63, 20-64, and 20-65.

#### **V. GENERAL BUSINESS**

11. The Commission returned to open session at 12:11 p.m.
12. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted 4-1 against dismissing as frivolous and for lack of jurisdiction Complaints 20-07 and 20-08. By unanimous consent, Complaints 20-07 and 20-08 are stayed, pending preliminary investigation.
13. By unanimous consent, Complaint 20-11 is stayed, pending preliminary investigation.
14. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously found Complaint 20-18 non-frivolous.
15. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 20-20 as frivolous and for lack of jurisdiction.
16. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously found Complaints 20-21 and 20-22 non-frivolous.
17. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaints 20-23, 20-24, 20-25, 20-26, 20-27, 20-28, and 20-29 as frivolous.
18. By unanimous consent, the Commission instructed staff to complete a preliminary investigation for Complaint 20-30.
19. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 20-31 as frivolous.
20. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaints 20-32, 20-33, 20-34, 20-35, 20-36, 20-37, and 20-38 as frivolous.
21. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 20-39 as frivolous.

22. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaints 20-40, 20-41, 20-42, 20-43, 20-44, 20-45, 20-46, 20-47, 20-48, 20-49, 20-50, 20-51, 20-52, 20-53, 20-54, 20-55, 20-56, 20-57, 20-58, 20-59, 20-60, 20-61, 20-62, 20-63, 20-64, and 20-65 as frivolous.
23. Ms. Cannan provided legal updates regarding the *Dunafon* litigation.
24. By unanimous consent, the Commission postponed to its next meeting consideration of Commissioner-requested discussion topics.
25. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 12:26 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides  
Executive Director  
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission