

## **COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION**

Minutes of the January 19, 2021, 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 9:00 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved, as amended, the minutes of the December 15, 2020, and January 7, 2021, meetings.
4. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.
5. Ms. Cannan presented legal updates from the Office of the Attorney General.
6. The Commission considered a submission from the City of Aurora regarding draft proposed amendments to the City's code of ethics.
7. At 9:10 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session, for purposes of receiving legal advice regarding the draft proposed amendments to the City of Aurora's code of ethics.

### **II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS**

8. The Commission met in closed session from 9:10 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to receive legal advice regarding the draft proposed amendments to the City of Aurora's code of ethics.

### **III. GENERAL BUSINESS**

9. The Commission returned to open session at 9:30 a.m.
10. By unanimous consent, Mr. Ioannides was instructed to coordinate with Chair Espinosa Krupa in sending responsive correspondence to the City of Aurora.
11. The Commission called Complaints 16-02 and 17-14 and received updates from staff and Commissioner Leone.

12. The Commission called Complaint 17-28 (Commissioner Leone recused) and received an update from staff.
13. The Commission called Complaint 20-18 to consider Respondent's Motion to Dismiss and Complainant's Response to Motion to Dismiss. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously denied the Respondent's Motion to Dismiss and ordered that the Commission's investigation continue.
14. At 9:45 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss Complaints 20-67, 20-68, 20-70, 20-73, 20-76, 20-77, 20-78, 20-79, and 20-80, for purposes of receiving legal advice, and which are required to be kept confidential pursuant to Article XXIX, §5(3)(b) of the Colorado Constitution. [Complaint 20-73 was not on the agenda and was erroneously included in the motion—see below, at paragraph 17.]

#### **IV. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS**

15. The Commission met in closed session from 9:45 a.m. to 10:27 a.m. concerning Complaints 20-67, 20-68, 20-70, 20-76, 20-77, 20-78, 20-79, and 20-80. Commissioner Willett recused himself from participating in the discussion of Complaints 20-67 and 20-68.

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

16. The Commission returned to open session at 10:27 a.m.
17. Chair Espinosa Krupa announced that Complaint 20-73 was erroneously included in the motion to go into closed session and that Complaint 20-73 was not discussed during the closed session.
18. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously (Commissioner Willett recused) dismissed Complaint 20-67 as frivolous.
19. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously (Commissioner Willett recused) dismissed Complaint 20-68 as frivolous.
20. The Commission acknowledged the complainant's withdrawal of Complaint 20-70.
21. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously deemed Complaint 20-76 as non-frivolous.
22. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 20-77 as frivolous and for lack of jurisdiction.
23. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 20-78 as frivolous and for lack of jurisdiction.
24. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 20-79 as frivolous and for lack of jurisdiction.

25. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 20-80 as frivolous and for lack of jurisdiction.

26. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 10:34 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides  
Executive Director  
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission