

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the February 16, 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 9:01 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the January 19, 2021, meeting.
4. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.
5. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously authorized Commissioner Baschiera to represent the Commission on the COGEL host committee for the 2021 annual COGEL conference.
6. At 9:06 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session, for purposes of receiving legal advice regarding Colo. Const. art. XXIX, sec. 7, and open meetings and open records rules promulgation.

II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

7. The Commission met in closed session from 9:06 a.m. to 9:56 a.m. to receive legal advice regarding Colo. Const. art. XXIX, sec. 7, and open meetings and open records rules promulgation.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

8. The Commission returned to open session at 9:56 a.m.
9. Commissioner Leone provided a brief status report about Complaints 16-02 and 17-14.
10. By unanimous consent, the Commission set the hearing date in Complaint 17-28 for June 15, 2021.

11. By unanimous consent, the Commission set the hearing date in Complaint 19-25 for July 20, 2021.
12. By unanimous consent, the Commission authorized the commencement of the investigation in Complaint 20-73.
13. By unanimous consent, the Commission authorized the commencement of the investigation in Complaint 20-76.
14. The Commission again took up the matter of Complaint 19-25. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously (Commissioner Willett recused) approved the Notice of Issues for Hearing.
15. At 10:19 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss Complaints 20-75, 21-01, and 21-02, 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.

IV. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

16. The Commission met in closed session from 10:19 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. concerning Complaints 20-75, 21-01, and 21-02. Commissioner Baschiera recused herself from Complaint 20-75 and Commissioner Johnson recused herself from Complaint 21-02.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

17. The Commission returned to open session at 11:30 a.m.
18. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously (Commissioner Baschiera recused) dismissed Complaint 20-75 as frivolous.
19. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously deferred action on Complaint 21-01 to its next meeting.
20. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously (Commissioner Johnson recused) dismissed Complaint 21-02.
21. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 11:34 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides
Executive Director
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission