

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the March 16, 2021, Meeting
Meeting Conducted by Web Conference

Present: 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. In Commissioner Espinosa Krupa's absence, Vice-Chair Leone presided and called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the February 16, 2021, meeting.
4. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.
5. Ms. Cannan provided a brief legal update re: *City of Glendale v. Indep. Ethics Comm'n*.
6. The Commission called Letter Ruling 21-01. The Requester was present.
7. At 9:23 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session, for purposes of receiving legal advice regarding *City of Glendale v. Indep. Ethics Comm'n* and Letter Ruling 21-01.

II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

8. The Commission met in closed session from 9:23 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to receive legal advice regarding *City of Glendale v. Indep. Ethics Comm'n* and Letter Ruling 21-01.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

9. The Commission returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.
10. With respect to Letter Ruling 21-01, upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted 3-1 (Commissioner Willett dissenting) to find that the letter ruling request would not be in violation of Article XXIX, provided that GoFundMe donations are anonymous and that there are no commercial public sponsorships of the golf tournament. By unanimous consent, any remaining issues will be resolved on circulation of the draft opinion.

11. The Commission recessed from 11:01 to 11:13 a.m.
12. The Commission called Letter Ruling 21-02. The Requester was present.
13. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to find the request would not be in violation of Article XXIX, with any remaining issues to be resolved on circulation of the draft opinion.
14. The Commission called Complaint 17-28 and staff provided a brief status update.
15. At 11:24 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss Complaints 21-01 and 21-03, 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 11:24 a.m. to 12:18 p.m. concerning Complaints 21-01 and 21-03.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

17. The Commission returned to open session at 12:18 p.m.
18. By unanimous consent, Commission staff will conduct a preliminary investigation of Complaints 21-01 and 21-03.
19. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 12:20 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides
Executive Director
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission