

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the April 20, 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 9:00 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the March 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 Complaints 16-02 and 17-14. Upon motion duly seconded, Commissioner Leone was unanimously delegated authority to issue subpoenas for Complaints 16-02 and 17-14.
7. The Commission called Complaint 17-28. Commissioner Leone recused. Upon motion duly seconded, the hearing for Complaint 17-28 was set for June 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
8. The Commission called Complaints 20-21 and 20-22. Commissioner Johnson moved to set the hearing date for June 15, 2021. The motion was duly seconded and then held in abeyance. By unanimous consent, Commissioner Johnson was appointed as hearing commissioner for both complaints. By unanimous consent, June 15, 2021, was set as the hearing date in these matters, pending a further pre-hearing conference with the parties regarding consolidation of the two cases. The pending motion was taken from the table and, by a unanimous vote (Commissioner Willett abstaining), the June 15, 2021, hearing date was confirmed. By unanimous consent, Commissioner Johnson was delegated authority to approve and issue the Report of Investigation to the parties, provided the other commissioners were given an opportunity to consider the Report prior to approval and issuance. By unanimous consent, the Notice of Issues for Hearing in each case will be considered by the Commission at its May 2021 meeting.

9. The Commission received a status update from staff regarding Complaint 20-76.
10. At 9:35 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.

II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

11. The Commission met in closed session from 9:35 a.m. to 10:03 a.m. concerning Complaints 21-01 and 21-03.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

12. The Commission returned to open session at 10:03 a.m.
13. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to find Complaint 21-01 frivolous.
14. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to find Complaint 21-03 frivolous.
15. Commissioner Willett publicly announced his resignation from the Commission. The other commissioners thanked him for his service.
16. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 10:07 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides
Executive Director
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission