

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the May 18, 2021, Meeting
Meeting Conducted by Web Conference

Present: Chair Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa; Vice-Chair William Leone; Commissioner Selina Baschiera; and Commissioner Debra Johnson.

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 9:16 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the April 20, 2021, meeting.
4. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved the draft annual report, as presented.
5. Ms. Cannan provided a legal update re: *City of Glendale v. Indep. Ethics Comm'n*.
6. The Commission called Complaints 20-21 and 20-22. By unanimous consent, Commissioner Johnson was delegated authority to issue subpoenas.
7. At 9:27 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss Complaints 20-21 and 20-22, for purposes of receiving legal advice.

II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

8. The Commission met in closed session from 9:27 a.m. to 9:37 a.m. concerning Complaints 20-21 and 20-22.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

9. The Commission returned to open session at 9:37 a.m.
10. The draft Notice of Issues for Hearing in Complaint 20-21 was approved by unanimous consent.
11. The draft Notice of Issues for Hearing in Complaint 20-22 was approved, as amended, by unanimous consent.

12. The Commission authorized the release of staff's supplemental report of investigation in Complaints 20-21 and 20-22, regarding additional information obtained from the Office of the Chaffee County Assessor.
13. By unanimous consent, elections of officers for the Independent Ethics Commission was postponed.
14. The Commission called Complaints 16-02 and 17-14 and, although these complaints did not appear on the Commission's agenda, counsel for both complainant and respondent were present. By unanimous consent, the Commission delegated authority to Commissioner Leone for the issuance of subpoenas in Complaints 16-02 and 17-14.
15. At 9:51 a.m., by unanimous consent, the Commission entered closed session to discuss Complaint 21-04, for purposes of receiving legal advice, and which is 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 9:51 a.m. to 9:52 a.m. concerning Complaint 21-04.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

17. The Commission returned to open session at 9:52 a.m.
18. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to dismiss Complaint 21-04 as frivolous.
19. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 9:54 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides
Executive Director
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission