

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the June 15, 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 9:00 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the May 18, 2021, meeting.
4. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.
5. Ms. Cannan provided a legal update re: *City of Glendale v. Indep. Ethics Comm'n*.
6. The Commission called Letter Ruling 21-03. The Requester was present.
7. At 9:39 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss Letter Ruling 21-03, for purposes of receiving legal advice.

II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

8. The Commission met in closed session from 9:39 a.m. to 10:03 a.m. concerning Letter Ruling 21-03.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

9. The Commission returned to open session at 10:03 a.m.
10. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved the drafting of a Letter Ruling granting the travel to the Aspen and Washington, DC, conferences only; and instructing that Requester's other proposed locations should be separately and more specifically requested.
11. The Commission called Complaints 20-21 and 20-22 for a hearing on the merits. Commissioner Johnson, the assigned hearing officer presided.

12. Complainant, Respondents, and Respondents' counsel were present.
13. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously denied Respondent's Motion for Summary Judgment.
14. Each party presented its case.
15. At 11:39 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 conducting deliberations and receiving legal advice.

IV. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

16. The Commission met in closed session from 11:39 a.m. to 11:54 a.m. concerning Complaints 20-21 and 20-22.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

17. The Commission returned to open session at 11:54 a.m.
18. The Commission called Complaint 20-73 and, by unanimous consent, approved the Report of Investigation for release to the parties.
19. At 11:59 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss Complaint 20-76, for purposes of discussing the draft report of investigation and receiving legal advice; and Complaints 21-05, 21-06, 21-07, 21-08, 21-09, 21-10, 21-11, 21-12, 21-13, and 21-14, 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.

VI. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

20. The Commission met in closed session from 11:59 a.m. to 12:26 p.m. concerning Complaints 20-76, 21-05, 21-06, 21-07, 21-08, 21-09, 21-10, 21-11, 21-12, 21-13, and 21-14.

VII. GENERAL BUSINESS

21. The Commission returned to open session at 12:26 p.m.
22. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to dismiss Complaint 21-05 as frivolous.
23. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to dismiss Complaints 21-06, 21-07, 21-08, 21-09, 21-10, 21-11, 21-12, 21-13, and 21-14 as frivolous.
24. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 12:29 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides

Executive Director

Colorado Independent Ethics Commission