

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the July 20, 2021, Meeting
Meeting Conducted by Web Conference

Present: Chair Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa; Commissioner Selina Baschiera; Commissioner Annie Kao; and Commissioner Cole Wist.

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. Chair Espinosa Krupa welcomed the IEC's new Commissioners, Kao and Wist.
4. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the following meetings: June 10, June 15, and June 18, 2021.
5. The Commission tabled receiving the staff report and legal updates from the Office of the Attorney General, in order to proceed to the hearing for Complaint 19-25.
6. The Commission called Complaint 19-25 for a hearing on the merits, Commissioner Baschiera presiding. The hearing commenced, with parties and their counsel present.
7. The Commission recessed at 10:34 a.m. and resumed the hearing at 10:45 a.m.
8. The Commission recessed at 11:48 a.m. and resumed the hearing at 12:10 p.m.
9. At the close of the hearing for Complaint 19-25, Commissioner Baschiera announced that a written ruling would issue after the Commission's deliberations.
10. At 1:03 p.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session to deliberate and receive legal advice for Complaint 19-25.

II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

11. The Commission met in closed session from 1:03 p.m. to 2:03 p.m. to deliberate and receive legal advice for Complaint 19-25.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

12. The Commission returned to open session at 2:03 p.m.

13. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.
14. Ms. Cannan indicated there were no legal updates for the Commission.
15. By unanimous consent, the Commission authorized issuance of the supplemental report of investigation in Complaint 20-73.
16. By unanimous consent, Commissioner Baschiera was appointed as the hearing officer in Complaint 20-76 and delegated authority to approve the report of investigation in that case.
17. By unanimous consent, Commissioner Espinosa Krupa was reappointed chair of the Commission and Commissioner Baschiera was appointed vice-chair.
18. At 2:20 p.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss Complaint 21-15, 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

19. The Commission met in closed session from 2:20 p.m. to 2:34 p.m. concerning Complaint 21-15.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

20. The Commission returned to open session at 2:34 p.m.
21. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously voted to dismiss Complaint 21-15 as frivolous.
22. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 2:35 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides
Executive Director
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission