

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

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

Present: Commissioner Selina Baschiera; Commissioner Annie Kao; Commissioner Sarah Mercer; 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. The Chair being absent, Vice-chair Baschiera called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. The Commission called Complaint 20-76. Complainant was present and Mr. Clint Smith entered his appearance on behalf of Respondent. The parties presented oral argument regarding the Commission's jurisdiction.
4. At 9:30 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss Complaint 20-76, for purposes of receiving legal advice.

II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

5. The Commission met in closed session from 9:30 a.m. to 9:39 a.m. concerning Complaint 20-76.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

6. The Commission returned to open session at 9:39 a.m.
7. Vice-chair Baschiera announced that the Commission would issue a written decision for Complaint 20-76 in due course.
8. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the October 19, 2020, meeting.
9. The Commission called Advisory Opinion 21-02. The Requestor was present. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved Advisory Opinion 21-02 as drafted.
10. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.

11. Ms. Cannan provided the report of legal updates from the Office of the Attorney General. By unanimous consent, the Commission approved December 31, 2021, as the end of the public comment period for the Commission's rulemaking, with a rulemaking hearing to be held at the Commission's February, 2022, meeting.
12. At 9:58 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss Complaints 21-18, 21-23, and 21-24, 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

13. The Commission met in closed session from 9:58 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. concerning Complaints 21-18, 21-23, and 21-24.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

14. The Commission returned to open session at 10:20 a.m.
15. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to deem Complaint 21-18 non-frivolous.
16. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to dismiss Complaint 21-23 as frivolous.
17. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to dismiss Complaint 21-24 as frivolous.
18. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 10:23 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides
Executive Director
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission