

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the January 18, 2022, Meeting
Meeting Conducted by Web Conference

Present: Commissioner Selina Baschiera; 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 9:02 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the November 16, 2021, meeting.
4. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report. By unanimous consent, the Commission approved Mr. Ioannides' proposed correction to the minutes of the meeting held on October 19, 2021.
5. Ms. Cannan provided the report of legal updates from the Office of the Attorney General.
6. The Commission called Complaint 21-18.
7. At 9:13 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss Complaint 21-18, for purposes of receiving legal advice.

II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

8. The Commission met in closed session from 9:13 a.m. to 9:38 a.m. concerning Complaint 21-18.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

9. The Commission returned to open session at 9:38 a.m.
10. As pertaining to Complaint 21-18: By unanimous consent, the Commission construed the Respondent's Response to the Complaint as a Motion to Stay. Commission staff will instruct the parties to appear for the Commission's February meeting regarding the Respondent's Motion to Stay and the Complainant's Response to the Motion to Stay.
11. At 9:42 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss Complaints 21-25, 21-26, 21-27, 21-28, 21-29, 21-30, 21-31,

22-01, 22-02, 22-03, 22-04, 22-05, 22-06, and 22-07, 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

12. The Commission met in closed session from 9:42 a.m. to 10:37 a.m. concerning Complaints 21-25, 21-26, 21-27, 21-28, 21-29, 21-30, 21-31, 22-01, 22-02, 22-03, 22-04, 22-05, 22-06, and 22-07. Commissioner Mercer recused herself from Complaints 21-25 and 21-26.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

13. The Commission returned to open session at 10:37 a.m.
14. Commissioner Mercer announced her recusal from Complaints 21-25 and 21-26.
15. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to dismiss Complaint 21-27 as frivolous.
16. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to dismiss Complaint 21-28 as frivolous.
17. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to dismiss Complaint 21-29 as frivolous.
18. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to deem Complaint 21-30 non-frivolous.
19. By unanimous consent, the Commission postponed Complaint 21-31 to the Commission's February meeting.
20. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to dismiss Complaint 22-01 as frivolous.
21. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to dismiss Complaint 22-02 as frivolous.
22. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to dismiss Complaint 22-03 as frivolous.
23. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to dismiss Complaint 22-04 as frivolous.
24. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to dismiss Complaint 22-05 as frivolous.
25. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to dismiss Complaint 22-06 as frivolous.

26. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to deem Complaint 22-07 non-frivolous.

27. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 10:46 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides
Executive Director
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission