

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the March 15, 2022, Meeting
1300 Broadway, Room 1E, 9:30 a.m.
Denver, Colorado

Present: Chair Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa; Commissioner Selina Baschiera; Commissioner Annie Kao; and Commissioner Sarah Mercer.

Also Present: Dino Ioannides, IEC Executive Director; and Gina Cannan of the Colorado Attorney General's Office.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the February 15, 2022, meeting.
4. The Commission called Complaint 20-73 for a hearing on the merits, Commissioner Kao presiding. Both parties participated in the hearing.
5. At 11:05 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss Complaint 20-73, for purposes of receiving legal advice.

II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

6. The Commission met in closed session from 11:05 a.m. to 11:49 a.m. concerning Complaint 20-73. Commissioner Baschiera temporarily left the meeting and did not participate in the closed session meeting.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

7. The Commission returned to open session at 11:49 a.m.
8. Commissioner Kao announced that Complaint 20-73 was being taken under advisement and that a written opinion would issue in due course.
9. Commissioner Espinosa Krupa resumed chairmanship of the meeting.
10. The Commission called Letter Ruling 22-01 (this letter ruling was originally, and incorrectly, designated as Advisory Opinion 22-01). The Requestor was present.
11. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously instructed Ms. Cannan to draft an opinion for Letter Ruling 22-01, approving the request with appropriate limitations.

12. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.
13. Ms. Cannan provided legal updates.
14. The Commission called Complaint 22-07. By unanimous consent, Commissioner Mercer was assigned as hearing officer and Mr. Ioannides was instructed to commence an investigation.
15. The Commission commenced rulemaking deliberations. Ms. Cannan presented rulemaking options and suggestions. By unanimous consent, Ms. Cannan was requested to circulate rulemaking edits to all commissioners.
16. At 12:17 p.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss Complaints 21-31, 22-09, 22-10, and 22-11, 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

17. The Commission met in closed session from 12:17 p.m. to 1:08 p.m. concerning Complaints 21-31, 22-09, 22-10, and 22-11. Commissioner Baschiera rejoined the meeting during the closed session.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

18. The Commission returned to open session at 1:08 p.m.
19. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 22-09 as frivolous.
20. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 22-10 as frivolous.
21. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 22-11 as frivolous.
22. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides
Executive Director
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission