

# **COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION**

Minutes of the August 23, 2022, Meeting  
1300 Broadway, Room 1E, 9:30 a.m.  
Denver, Colorado

Present: Chair Selina Baschiera, Commissioner Annie Kao, Commissioner Sarah Mercer, and Commissioner Cole Wist.

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

## **I. GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Chair Baschiera called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the July 19, 2022, meeting.
4. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.
5. By unanimous consent, Commissioner Baschiera was delegated authority to work with staff in the preparation of the Commission's annual budget request.
6. The Commission received legal updates from the Office of the Attorney General.
7. The Commission called Letter Ruling 22-04. The requestor was present. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously adopted Letter Ruling 22-04 as drafted.
8. The Commission called Complaints 16-02 and 17-04. Commissioner Mercer recused herself. Counsel for both Complainant and Respondent were present and presented argument regarding Respondent's Motion for Discovery.
9. At 10:22 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously (Commissioner Mercer recused) to enter closed session to discuss Complaints 16-02 and 17-14, for purposes of receiving legal advice.

## **II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS**

10. The Commission met in closed session from 10:22 a.m. to 10:56 a.m. concerning Complaints 16-02 and 17-14.

## **III. GENERAL BUSINESS**

11. The Commission returned to open session at 10:56 a.m.

12. The Commission announced that its written order regarding Respondent's Motion for Discovery would be issued in due course.
13. The Commission called Complaint 21-18 to consider Complainant's Motion to Lift Stay.
14. At 11:00 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.

#### **IV. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS**

15. The Commission met in closed session from 11:00 a.m. to 11:19 a.m. concerning Complaint 21-18.

#### **V. GENERAL BUSINESS**

16. The Commission returned to open session at 11:19 a.m.
17. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously denied Complainant's Motion to Lift Stay in Complaint 21-18 and specified that the analysis contained in the Commission's Order Regarding Motion to Stay, issued on June 16, 2022, stands.
18. The Commission called Complaints 22-24 and 22-25. Ms. Simonson recused herself from both complaints 22-24 and 22-25. Commissioner Wist announced his recusal, pursuant to section 4.a.ii. of the Commission's Code of Conduct Policies and Procedures relating to permissive recusal for both Complaints 22-24 and 22-25. Commissioner Mercer announced her recusal pursuant to the permissive recusal policy for Complaint 22-25.
19. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 11:26 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides  
Executive Director  
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission