

# COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the February 21, 2023, Meeting  
1300 Broadway, Room 1E, 9:30 a.m.  
Denver, Colorado

Present: Chair Selina Baschiera; Vice-Chair Cole Wist; Commissioner Annie Kao; and Commissioner Sarah Mercer.

Also Present: Gina Cannan of the Colorado Attorney General's Office.

## I. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Chair Baschiera called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. The motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023, special meeting was tabled to the Commission's March 21, 2023, meeting.
4. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the January 17, 2023, meeting (Commissioner Kao abstaining).
5. Ms. Cannan presented the staff report on behalf of Mr. Ioannides, who was absent. Ms. Cannan announced the Commission's hiring of a part-time investigator, Nelson Sanchez, who will begin work for the Commission on March 6, 2023. Ms. Cannan updated the Commission about Mr. Ioannides' testimony to the Joint Budget Committee and budget request for FY23-24. Ms. Cannan updated the Commission on pending legislation, HB 23-1065.
6. Ms. Cannan and Commissioner Wist provided an update about the interview process for appointing a local government representative to the Commission.
7. Ms. Cannan presented a draft position statement updating the Commission's gift ban limit, Position Statement 23-01. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously adopted Position Statement 23-01.
8. Ms. Cannan provided a legal update regarding the *Glendale v. IEC* litigation.
9. At 9:45 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss *Line v. IEC* and Complaints 22-31, 23-01, and 23-02, 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.
10. Commissioner Mercer was recused from *Line v. IEC*.

## **II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS**

11. The Commission met in closed session from 9:45 a.m. to 10:14 a.m. concerning *Line v. IEC* and Complaints 22-31, 23-01, and 23-02, with Commissioner Mercer recused from the discussion pertaining to *Line v. IEC*.

## **III. GENERAL BUSINESS**

12. The Commission returned to open session at 10:14 a.m.
13. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 23-01 as frivolous.
14. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 10:16 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides  
Executive Director  
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission