

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the March 21, 2023, Meeting
Meeting Conducted by Web Conference

Present: Chair Selina Baschiera, Vice-Chair Cole Wist, Commissioner Espinosa Krupa, 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. Chair Baschiera called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment. Public comment was offered by Mr. Jerry Greene.
3. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the January 9, 2023, special meeting (Commissioners Wist and Mercer abstaining).
4. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the February 21, 2022, meeting.
5. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.
6. At 9:48 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session for purposes of receiving legal advice pertaining to proposed legislation drafted in LLS 23-0870 and which is required to be kept confidential by law.

II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

7. The Commission met in closed session from 9:48 a.m. to 10:13 a.m. to receive legal advice pertaining to proposed legislation in LLS 23-0870.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

8. The Commission returned to open session at 10:13 a.m.
9. The Commission received updates about the process for appointing a new local government commissioner.
10. The Commission called Complaints 16-02 and 17-14. Commissioner Mercer recused herself.
11. At 10:17 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session to receive legal advice for Complaints 16-02 and 17-14.

IV. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

12. The Commission met in closed session from 10:17 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to receive legal advice for Complaints 16-02 and 17-14.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

13. The Commission returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.
14. As pertaining to Complaints 16-02 and 17-14, Chair Baschiera announced that the Commission would be issuing, in due course, its opinion regarding the Respondent's Motion for Summary Judgment, and its Notice of Issues for Hearing.
15. The parties having committed to their availability for a hearing on the merits, the hearing for Complaints 16-02 and 17-14 was set for August 15, 2023. The Notice of Hearing will be issued to the parties in due course.
16. At 10:41 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss Complaints 22-31, 23-02, 23-03, and 23-04, 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.

VI. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

17. The Commission met in closed session from 10:41 a.m. to 11:17 a.m. to discuss Complaints 22-31, 23-02, 23-03, and 23-04.

VII. GENERAL BUSINESS

18. The Commission returned to open session at 11:17 a.m.
19. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 22-31 as frivolous.
20. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously deemed Complaint 23-02 as non-frivolous.
21. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 23-03 as frivolous.
22. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides
Executive Director
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission