

# **COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION**

Minutes of the June 20, 2023, Meeting  
1300 Broadway, Room 1E  
Denver, Colorado

Present: Chair Cole Wist, Vice-Chair Sarah Mercer, Commissioner Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa, and Commissioner Lora Thomas.

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

## **I. GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Chair Wist called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. (Commissioner Espinosa Krupa was not yet present).
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the April 18, 2023, meeting (Commissioners Thomas and Espinosa Krupa not participating).
4. Chair Wist welcomed Commissioner Thomas to the Commission.
5. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.
6. At 9:16 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session for purposes of receiving legal advice for Complaint 20-18.

## **II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS**

7. The Commission met in closed session from 9:16 a.m. to 9:32 a.m. regarding Complaint 20-18.

## **III. GENERAL BUSINESS**

8. The Commission returned to open session at 9:32 a.m.
9. The Chair announced the Commission would issue a written order regarding Respondent's Motion to Dismiss Western Slope Advocate Co as Co-Complainant in Complaint 20-18.
10. The Commission called Complaint 23-02. By unanimous consent, the Commission instructed its staff to request that Respondent clarify the extent of its motion to dismiss or the grounds upon which it was filed and to set a deadline for the filing of Complainant's response.

11. At 9:40 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss Complaints 23-04, 23-10, and 23-11, 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**

12. The Commission met in closed session from 9:40 a.m. to 10:04 a.m. to discuss Complaints 23-04, 23-10, and 23-11.
13. Commissioner Espinosa Krupa joined the meeting during closed session at 10:00 a.m.

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

14. The Commission returned to open session at 10:04 a.m.
15. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 23-04 as frivolous.
16. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 23-11 as frivolous.
17. At 10:07 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously (Commissioner Mercer recused) to enter closed session for purposes of receiving legal advice regarding *Glendale v. IEC*, *Line v. IEC*, and Complaints 16-02 and 17-14.
18. Commissioner Mercer left the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

#### **VI. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS**

19. The Commission met in closed session from 10:07 a.m. to 10:35 a.m. regarding *Glendale v. IEC*, *Line v. IEC*, and Complaints 16-02 and 17-14.

#### **VII. GENERAL BUSINESS**

20. The Commission returned to open session at 10:35 a.m.
21. The Commission called Complaints 16-02 and 17-14. Both parties were present through counsel.
22. The Chair announced that the Commission would issue a written order in Complaints 16-02 and 17-14, vacating the August hearing on the merits and seeking briefing from the parties on the issue of jurisdiction, as will be more fully explained in the written order.
23. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 10:41 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides  
Executive Director  
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission