

## COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the July 18, 2023, Meeting  
Meeting Conducted by Web Conference

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

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 9:31 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the June 20, 2023, meeting (Commissioner Wolf abstaining).
4. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the July 11, 2023, special meeting (Commissioners Mercer and Thomas abstaining).
5. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.
6. The Commission called Complaint 20-18 for hearing on the merits. Chair Wist conducted the hearing. Complainant Janece Culver appeared *pro se*; Complainant West Slope Advocate appeared *pro se* through its principal, Scott Damman; and Brian Kidnay, counsel for Respondent Bowman, entered his appearance. The Commission received opening statements and proceeded to witness testimony.
7. The Commission recessed from approximately 11:40 to 11:45 a.m., after which the Commission continued receiving witness testimony.
8. At approximately 2:00 p.m., Commissioner Mercer departed from the meeting. Chair Wist announced the hearing would be continued and instructed the parties to work with Mr. Ioannides to schedule the continued hearing.
9. The Commission adjourned at 2:07 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides  
Executive Director  
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission