

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the August 1, 2023, Special 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; and Gina Cannan of the Colorado Attorney General's Office.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Chair Wist called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. The Commission called Complaint 20-18 for hearing on the merits, which hearing was continued from the Commission's July 18, 2023, meeting. 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 continued receiving witness testimony.
4. After the close of witness testimony, the Commission recessed from 10:56 to 11:03 a.m.
5. The Commission received closing arguments from the parties.
6. At 11:45 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session for purposes of conducting deliberations and receiving legal advice regarding Complaint 20-18.

II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

7. The Commission met in closed session from 11:45 a.m. to 12:53 p.m. regarding Complaint 20-18.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

8. The Commission returned to open session at 12:53 p.m.
9. Chair Wist announced that Complaint 20-18 is considered submitted and that a written decision would issue in due course.
10. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 12:54 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides

Executive Director

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