

# **COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION**

Minutes of the March 19, 2024, Meeting  
Meeting Conducted by Web Conference

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

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

## **I. GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Chair Wist called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. Consideration of the minutes of the February 20, 2024, regular meeting was tabled.
4. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.
5. Mr. Fitzgerald provided legal updates pertaining to the pending criminal proceedings related to Complaints 21-18, 22-07, and 22-22.
6. At 9:22 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session concerning Complaints 21-18, 22-07, and 22-22, for purposes of receiving legal advice.

## **II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS**

7. The Commission met in closed session from 9:22 a.m. to 9:39 a.m. regarding Complaints 21-18, 22-07, and 22-22.

## **III. GENERAL BUSINESS**

8. The Commission returned to open session at 9:39 a.m.
9. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a new order to stay Complaint 21-18, and to issue orders to stay Complaints 22-07 and 22-22.
10. The Commission called Complaints 22-34 and 22-35. Commissioners Mercer and Thomas recused themselves. Due to the recusals and the absence of Commissioner Espinosa Krupa, no action was taken. An order on the motion for recusal will be issued on circulation.
11. At 9:50 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session concerning Complaints 23-24, 23-26, 24-04, 24-05, and 24-06, 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 9:50 a.m. to 10:03 a.m. regarding Complaints 23-24, 23-26, 24-04, 24-05, and 24-06.

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

13. The Commission returned to open session at 10:03 a.m.
14. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 23-24 as frivolous.
15. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 23-26 as frivolous.
16. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 24-04 as frivolous.
17. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 24-05 as frivolous.
18. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 24-06 as frivolous.
19. By unanimous consent, the Commission approved the minutes of the February 20, 2024, regular meeting.
20. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 10:19 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides  
Executive Director  
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission