

# **COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION**

Minutes of the April 16, 2024, Meeting  
1560 Broadway, First Floor Conference Center, Conference Room C  
Denver, Colorado

Present: Chair Cole Wist, Vice-Chair Sarah Mercer, Commissioner Espinosa Krupa, Commissioner Lora Thomas, and Commissioner Daniel Wolf (appearing remotely by phone).

Also Present: Dino Ioannides, IEC Executive Director; Nelson Sanchez, IEC Investigator; and Gina Cannan and Charles Kooyman 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. The Commission unanimously (Commissioner Espinosa Krupa abstaining) approved the minutes of the March 19, 2024, regular meeting.
4. The Commission called Complaint 21-25 for a hearing on the merits, with Commissioner Espinosa Krupa presiding as hearing officer. Commissioner Mercer and Ms. Cannan recused themselves. Both parties appeared through counsel. Each party presented its case (neither party called witnesses to testify) and closing arguments, with rebuttal argument offered by Complainant.
5. At 10:06 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously (Commissioner Mercer recused) to enter closed session concerning Complaint 21-25, for purposes of receiving legal advice.

## **II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS**

6. The Commission met in closed session from 10:06 a.m. to 10:52 a.m. regarding Complaint 21-25.

## **III. GENERAL BUSINESS**

7. The Commission returned to open session at 10:52 a.m.
8. Commissioner Espinosa Krupa announced that Complaint 21-25 is considered submitted and that the Commission is taking it under advisement.
9. The Commission recessed from 10:53 a.m. to 11:04 a.m.

10. The Commission called Complaints 22-34 and 22-35. Commissioners Mercer and Thomas recused themselves.
11. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously (Commissioners Mercer and Thomas recused) granted Respondent leave to reply to Complainant's Response to Respondent's Motion for Summary Judgment.
12. The Commission recessed from 11:11 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.
13. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.
14. Ms. Cannan indicated there was nothing to report on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General.
15. The Commission called Complaint 23-23. By unanimous consent, the Commission ordered Respondent: (1) to confer with Complainant regarding the Respondent's Motion for a Ruling that the Commission Deem Complaint 23-23 and all Related Pleadings Frivolous, and, Therefore, Confidential; and (2) to make a supplemental filing after conferral.
16. Election of Commission Officers. By acclamation, Commissioner Mercer was appointed chair and Commissioner Wolf was appointed vice-chair.
17. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides  
Executive Director  
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission