

# **COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION**

Minutes of the December 17, 2024, Meeting  
Meeting Conducted by Web Conference

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

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

## **I. GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Chair Mercer called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment and received none.
3. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the November 19, 2024, meeting.
4. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.
5. Commissioner Thomas announced her resignation as Douglas County Commissioner.
6. At 9:11 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session concerning *Glendale v. Indep. Ethics Comm'n*, for purposes of receiving legal advice.

## **II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS**

7. The Commission met in closed session from 9:11 a.m. to 9:49 a.m. regarding *Glendale v. Indep. Ethics Comm'n*.

## **III. GENERAL BUSINESS**

8. The Commission returned to open session at 9:49 a.m.
9. At 9:49 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session concerning *Dunafon v. Wolf*, for purposes of receiving legal advice.

## **IV. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS**

10. Chair Mercer recused herself and the Commission met in closed session from 9:49 a.m. to 9:56 a.m. regarding *Dunafon v. Wolf*.

## **V. GENERAL BUSINESS**

11. The Commission returned to open session at 9:56 a.m.

12. Mr. Ioannides provided an update regarding the investigation for Complaint 23-02. The draft Report of Investigation will be provided to the hearing officer, Commissioner Espinosa Krupa, for final approval and release to the parties.
13. At 9:59 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session concerning its consideration of proposed rulemaking, for purposes of receiving legal advice.

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

14. The Commission met in closed session from 9:59 a.m. to 10:26 a.m. regarding its consideration of proposed rulemaking.

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

15. The Commission returned to open session at 10:26 a.m.
16. Staff was instructed to provide public notice of the rulemaking and proposed rules, after seeking feedback from Commissioners Espinosa Krupa and Wist.
17. At 10:29 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session concerning its consideration of draft delegations of staff authority, for purposes of receiving legal advice.

#### **VIII. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS**

18. The Commission met in closed session from 10:29 a.m. to 10:43 a.m. regarding its consideration of the draft delegations of staff authority.

#### **IX. GENERAL BUSINESS**

19. The Commission returned to open session at 10:43 a.m.
20. Staff was instructed to redraft the proposed delegations of staff authority, for future Commission consideration, after obtaining feedback from Commissioners Espinosa Krupa and Wist.
21. At 10:45 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session concerning Complaints 24-26, 24-34, 24-35, and 24-36, 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.

#### **X. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS**

22. The Commission met in closed session from 10:45 a.m. to 11:04 a.m. regarding Complaints 24-26, 24-34, 24-35, and 24-36.

#### **XI. GENERAL BUSINESS**

23. The Commission returned to open session at 11:04 a.m.

24. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 24-26 as frivolous.
25. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 24-34 as frivolous.
26. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 24-35 as frivolous.
27. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides  
Executive Director  
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission