

# **COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION**

Minutes of the January 21, 2025, Meeting  
Meeting Conducted by Web Conference

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

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 9:01 a.m.
2. The Commission invited public comment. Representative Tammy Story, a prime sponsor of HB 25-1079, explained the bill and a proposed amendment regarding appropriations for the bill. The Commission offered feedback re: same.
3. The Commission unanimously (Commissioners Wist and Espinosa Krupa abstaining) approved the minutes of the December 17, 2024, meeting.
4. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.
5. Ms. Canaan provided legal updates from the Office of the Attorney General.
6. At 9:43 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 9:43 a.m. to 9:52 a.m. regarding *Glendale v. Indep. Ethics Comm'n*.

## **III. GENERAL BUSINESS**

8. The Commission returned to open session at 9:52 a.m.
9. The Commission called Letter Ruling 24-02. The Requestor was present and summarized the request.
10. At 9:57 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session concerning Letter Ruling 24-02, for purposes of receiving legal advice.

#### **IV. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS**

11. The Commission met in closed session from 9:57 a.m. to 10:24 a.m. regarding Letter Ruling 24-02.

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

12. The Commission returned to open session at 10:24 a.m.
13. Chair Mercer announced that Letter Ruling 24-02 would issue in due course.
14. Mr. Ioannides announced that, having received Respondent's Response in Complaint 24-08, staff would commence its investigation.
15. At 10:28 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session concerning Complaint 24-15, for purposes of receiving legal advice.

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

16. The Commission met in closed session from 10:28 a.m. to 10:42 a.m. regarding Complaint 24-15

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

17. The Commission returned to open session at 10:42 a.m.
18. Chair Mercer announced that a written order in Complaint 24-15 would be issued, holding Respondent's Motion to Dismiss in abeyance and ordering a response to the complaint.
19. Mr. Ioannides provided a status update regarding Complaint 24-16.
20. As a continuation of Mr. Ioannides' staff report, the Commission discussed the adoption of a Commission-specific logo, draft mock-ups of which were provided by the Department of Personnel and Administration. Mr. Ioannides was instructed to survey the commissioners after the meeting regarding adoption of the logo.
21. At 10:54 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session concerning Complaints 24-36, 25-01, 25-02, 25-03, 25-04, 25-05, 25-06, 25-07, 25-08, and 25-09, 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.

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

22. The Commission met in closed session from 10:54 a.m. to 11:17 a.m. regarding Complaints 24-36, 25-01, 25-02, 25-03, 25-04, 25-05, 25-06, 25-07, 25-08, and 25-09.

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

23. The Commission returned to open session at 11:17 a.m.

24. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 24-36 as frivolous.
25. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-01 as frivolous.
26. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-02 as frivolous.
27. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-03 as frivolous.
28. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-04 as frivolous.
29. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-05 as frivolous.
30. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-06 as frivolous.
31. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-07 as frivolous.
32. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-08 as frivolous.
33. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides  
Executive Director  
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission