

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the March 18, 2025, Meeting
Meeting Conducted by Web Conference

Present: Chair Sarah Mercer, Vice-Chair Daniel Wolf, Commissioner Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa, and Commissioner Lori Laske.

Also Present: Dino Ioannides, IEC Executive Director; Nelson Sanchez, IEC Investigator; and Gina Cannan, Zach Fitzgerald, and Karen Safran, 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 and received none.
3. The Commissioners extended their welcome to the IEC's newest Commissioner, Lori Laske.
4. The Commission postponed consideration of the minutes of February 18, 2025, to its next meeting in April.
5. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.
6. Ms. Cannan provided legal updates from the Office of the Attorney General.
7. The Commission called Letter Ruling 25-01. The Requestor provided an introduction to the request.
8. At 9:11 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session concerning Letter Ruling 25-01, for purposes of receiving legal advice.

II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

9. The Commission met in closed session from 9:11 a.m. to 9:42 a.m. regarding Letter Ruling 25-01.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

10. The Commission returned to open session at 9:42 a.m.
11. Chair Mercer announced that Letter Ruling 25-01n would be issued in due course.
12. The Commission opened its scheduled rulemaking hearing.

13. At 9:44 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session concerning the proposed rules, for purposes of receiving legal advice.

IV. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

14. The Commission met in closed session from 9:44 a.m. to 9:58 a.m. regarding the proposed rules.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

15. The Commission returned to open session at 9:58 a.m.
16. Chair Mercer announced that the Commission received no written comments regarding the proposed rules. She invited oral public comments, and none were offered.
17. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously adopted the proposed rules as drafted, with an amendment to proposed rule 2(A), which appended the phrase “and in the Colorado Revised Statutes” to the last sentence.
18. The Commission called Complaints 22-34 and 22-35.
19. At 10:03 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session concerning Complaints 22-34 and 22-35, for purposes of receiving legal advice.
20. Commissioners Mercer and Laske recused themselves.

VI. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

21. The Commission met in closed session (Commissioners Mercer and Laske recused) from 10:03 a.m. to 10:23 a.m. regarding Complaints 22-34 and 22-35.

VII. GENERAL BUSINESS

22. The Commission returned to open session at 10:23 a.m.
23. At 10:24 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session concerning Complaints 25-18, 25-19, 25-20, 25-21, 25-22, and 25-23, 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

24. The Commission met in closed session from 10:24 a.m. to 11:04 a.m. regarding Complaints 25-18, 25-19, 25-20, 25-21, 25-22, and 25-23.

IX. GENERAL BUSINESS

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

26. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-18 as frivolous.
27. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-19 as frivolous.
28. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-20 as frivolous.
29. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-21 as frivolous.
30. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-22 as frivolous.
31. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-23 as frivolous.
32. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides
Executive Director
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission