

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the July 15, 2025, Meeting
Meeting Conducted by Web Conference

Present: Chair Sarah Mercer, Vice-Chair Daniel Wolf, Commissioner Lori Laske, and Commissioner Cyril Vidergar.

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 and received none.
3. The minutes of the May 20, 2025, meeting were approved by unanimous consent (Chair Mercer and Commissioner Vidergar recused).
4. Mr. Ioannides provided the staff report.
 - a. Mr. Ioannides introduced Melissa Jamieson, Executive Director of the Office of Administrative Services for Independent Agencies (ASIA), who addressed the Commission.
5. The Commission considered a request for advisory opinion, numbered Advisory Opinion 25-01. The Requestor presented his request to the Commission and answered the commissioners' questions.
6. At 9:34 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session concerning the draft accessibility vendor contract and Advisory Opinion 25-01, for purposes of receiving legal advice.

II. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

7. The Commission met in closed session from 9:34 a.m. to 10:12 a.m. regarding the draft accessibility vendor contract and Advisory Opinion 25-01.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

8. The Commission returned to open session at 10:12 a.m.
9. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved the accessibility vendor contract with ABILITY Digital Accessibility Co., running from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

10. Chair Mercer announced that Advisory Opinion 25-01 would be issued when finalized.
11. At 10:15 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter closed session concerning Complaints 25-30, 25-36, 25-37, 25-38, 25-39, 25-40, 25-41, 25-42, 25-43, 25-44, and 25-45, 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 10:15 a.m. to 11:22 a.m. regarding Complaints 25-30, 25-36, 25-37, 25-38, 25-39, 25-40, 25-41, 25-42, 25-43, 25-44, and 25-45.
13. Ms. Cannan and Mr. Fitzgerald recused themselves from the closed session discussion involving Complaint 25-40.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

14. The Commission returned to open session at 11:22 a.m.
15. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously deemed Complaint 25-30 as non-frivolous.
16. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-36 as frivolous.
17. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-38 as frivolous.
18. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-39 as frivolous.
19. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-40 as frivolous.
20. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-43 as frivolous.
21. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-44 as frivolous.
22. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously dismissed Complaint 25-45 as frivolous.
23. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides
Executive Director
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission