

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the January 4, 2016 Meeting
1300 Broadway, Room 2B, 9:00 am
Denver, Colorado

Present: William Leone, Chair; Bob Bacon, Vice-Chair; Bill Pinkham; and Matt Smith.

Also Present: Betty Gadison, IEC Legal Assistant; and Kyle Dumler of the Colorado Attorney General's Office.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Leone called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. There were no public comments.
3. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2015, meeting as amended.
4. Staff Report:
 - a. The Commission discussed the resignation of the Executive Director and introduced Betty Gadison as the temporary legal assistant to the IEC.
5. At 9:27 a.m. it was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to enter into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(3)(a)(III) regarding an update on the ongoing audit by the Office of the State Auditor.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

6. The Commission met in Executive Session from 9:27 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to discuss the audit by the Office of the State Auditor.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

7. The Commission returned to open session at 11:00 a.m.
8. The Commission considered a draft of Advisory Opinion 15-12, Application of Ethics Code to State Employees Serving as Elected Officials. The requester was present, as were representatives from the Colorado Secretary of State and City of Aurora. Following discussion the Commission unanimously deferred ruling on the draft of Advisory Opinion 15-12, and requested additional legal authority from the City of Aurora in support of its position.

9. The Commission reviewed a draft of proposed changes to the complaint form. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to post a draft of the compliant form revisions on the IEC website for public comment.

10. The Commission tabled discussing the revisions to the IEC Handbook until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

11. The Commissioners selected future meeting dates as follows:

February 8, 2016

March 3, 2016

April 4, 2016

May 2, 2016

June 6, 2016

12. At 1:02 p.m. it was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to enter into Executive Session to interview candidates for the position of Executive Director and the candidates requested these matters be conducted in Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(3)(b)(I).

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

13. The Commission met in Executive Session at the request of the candidates from 1:02 p.m. to 6:25 p.m. to conduct interviews for the position of Executive Director.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

14. The Commission returned to open session at 6:25 p.m.

The Commission recessed at approximately 6:25 p.m. The Commission will return on January 8, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Gadison,
IEC, Legal Assistant