

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes of the April 4, 2016 Meeting
1300 Broadway, Room 1E, 9:00 am
Denver, Colorado

Present: William Leone, Chairman (appearing by telephone); Bob Bacon, Vice-Chair; April Jones; and Matt Smith.

Also Present: Dino Ioannides, IEC Executive Director; and Kyle Dumler of the Colorado Attorney General's Office.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Chairman Leone called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. The Commission received comments from the public.
3. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the March 3 and March 11, 2016, meetings without amendment.
4. The Commission held a status and setting conference for Complaint Nos. 15-31, 15-32, 15-33, and 15-34. Both the complainant (by telephone) and respondents (through counsel) were present. Commission staff was ordered to prepare a draft notice specifying the allegations the Commission will consider. A subsequent hearing to discuss the notice was set for April 15, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., and parties were authorized to appear by telephone.
5. Staff Report
 - a. Mr. Ioannides reported to the Commission concerning:
 - i. monthly correspondence data;
 - ii. legislative activity;
 - iii. website updates; and
 - iv. interest for the 5th commissioner seat.
6. The Commission considered adoption of the draft of Letter Ruling 16-01 (Former Legislator Advocating to a Current Legislator). After a motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously adopted Letter Ruling 16-01, as redrafted.
7. The Commission considered adoption of the draft of Advisory Opinion 16-02 (Acceptance of Travel Expenses Paid by a For Profit Entity). After a motion duly seconded, the Commission unanimously adopted Advisory Opinion 16-02. The Commission also acknowledged the typographical error in the meeting agenda's title for Advisory Opinion 16-02.

8. Mr. Ioannides provided a status update regarding progress in implementing the recommendations of the Legislative Audit Report. The ensuing discussion also included revisions to the complaint form and the IEC handbook.

9. Mr. Ioannides provided a status update regarding HB16-1216.

10. The Commission received additional public comments regarding HB16-1216.

11. At 10:52 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session pursuant to § 24-6-402(3)(a)(III), C.R.S., to discuss Complaint 16-12, which is required to be kept confidential pursuant to Article XXIX, § 5(3)(b), of the Colorado Constitution.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

12. The Commission met in Executive Session from 10:52 a.m. to 11:02 a.m. to discuss Complaint 16-12.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

13. The Commission returned to open session at 11:02 a.m.

14. At 11:03 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session pursuant to § 24-6-402(3)(a)(III), C.R.S., to discuss Complaint 16-13, which is required to be kept confidential pursuant to Article XXIX, § 5(3)(b), of the Colorado Constitution.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

15. The Commission met in Executive Session from 11:03 a.m. to 11:09 a.m. to discuss Complaint 16-13.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

16. The Commission returned to open session at 11:09 a.m.

17. At 11:11 a.m., upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session pursuant to § 24-6-402(3)(a)(III), C.R.S., to discuss Complaint 16-14, which is required to be kept confidential pursuant to Article XXIX, § 5(3)(b), of the Colorado Constitution.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

18. The Commission met in Executive Session from 11:11 a.m. to 11:29 a.m. to discuss Complaint 16-14.

VII. GENERAL BUSINESS

19. The Commission returned to open session at 11:29 a.m.
20. Upon motion duly seconded, Complaint 16-12 was unanimously dismissed under Rules 7.G.1 and 7.G.2 of 8 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 1510-1.
21. Upon motion duly seconded, Complaint 16-13 was unanimously held in abeyance under Rule 7.H.1 of 8 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 1510-1 until the Commission's May 2, 2016, meeting.
22. Upon motion duly seconded, Complaint 16-14 was unanimously referred for preliminary investigation under Rule 7.F of 8 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 1510-1.
23. The Commission recognized departing IEC commissioners.
24. The Commission recessed for lunch from 11:45 a.m.
25. The Commission returned to open session at 12:38 p.m.
26. The Commission held elections for officers. Commissioner Smith presided over elections. Upon motion duly seconded, the Commission voted to reappoint William Leone as Chairman and Bob Bacon as Vice-Chairman.
27. The Commission received additional public comment regarding home rule ethics codes and Article XXIX of the Colorado Constitution.
28. Having no further business, the Commission adjourned at 2:23 p.m. The next special meeting is scheduled as a telephonic meeting for April 15, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., room 1E.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dino Ioannides
Executive Director
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission