



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RHODE ISLAND ETHICS COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

AGENDA

15th Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, December 10, 2019

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Rhode Island Ethics Commission
Hearing Room - 8th Floor
40 Fountain Street
Providence, RI 02903

1. Motion to approve minutes of Open Session held on November 19, 2019.
2. Advisory Opinions:
 - a.) Kevin J. Rabbitt, a former Deputy Chief within the Rhode Island Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles, Dealer Licensing Office, who retired on September 30, 2019, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits him from working as a private consultant to a local attorney who represents consumers and dealers before the Motor Vehicle Dealers License and Hearing Board.
 - b.) Karen D. Pinch, the Town Administrator for the Town of Richmond, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Town of Richmond is prohibited by the Code of Ethics from accepting a financial contribution from the Beaver River Valley Community Association to be used solely for funding, or partially funding, the videotaping of Planning Board and Zoning Board of Review meetings held in the Town of Richmond.

- c.) Wendy Allmendinger, a probation and parole officer at the Rhode Island Department of Corrections, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits her from working in her private capacity as an independent contractor providing supervised visitation services to Rhode Island families.
 - d.) Cynthia Elder, the Chief of the Business Development Office for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Division of Parks & Recreation, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether she may accept a Jarvi Scholarship offered by the Foundation for Sustainable Parks and Recreation and the Society of Recreation Professionals to cover the cost and expenses of her attendance at the National Association of State Park Foundations Conference in Florida in October of 2020.
 - e.) Michael DiBiase, the Director of Administration for the State of Rhode Island, requests an advisory opinion regarding the application of the revolving door provisions of the Code of Ethics to his impending private employment with the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council.
3. Motion to go into Executive Session, to wit:
 - a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on November 19, 2019, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) & (4).
 - b.) Litigation update re: Francis X. Flaherty v. Rhode Island Ethics Commission et al., Superior Court C.A. No. PC-2019-5088, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2).
 - c.) Motion to return to Open Session.
 4. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.
 5. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on December 10, 2019.
 6. Discussion and voting regarding Resolutions in Appreciation of former Commissioners James V. Murray and John D. Lynch Jr.
 7. Director's Report: Status report and updates regarding:
 - a.) Complaints and investigations pending;
 - b.) Advisory opinions pending;
 - c.) Access to Public Records Act requests since last meeting.
 8. New Business proposed for future Commission agendas and general comments from the Commission.
 9. Adjournment.

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