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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

DATE:	Tuesday, April 14, 2026
TIME:	9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	Rhode Island Ethics Commission Hearing Room – 8 th Floor 40 Fountain Street Providence, RI 02903
LIVESTREAM:	<p>The Open Session portions of this meeting will be livestreamed at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89350143720</p> <p>This is an in-person meeting held at the physical location listed above. Livestream access is being provided only as a convenience, but it is not an official meeting place and we do not guarantee virtual access to view or participate in the meeting. If the livestream virtual broadcast of the meeting is interrupted or cut off for any reason, the meeting will continue in person.</p>



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AGENDA

6th Meeting

1. Call to Order.
2. Motion to approve minutes of Open Session held on March 17, 2026.
3. Motion to approve minutes of Open Session held on March 24, 2026.
4. Motion to approve minutes of Open Session held on April 8, 2026.
5. 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;
 - d.) Financial disclosure; and
 - e.) General office administration;
6. Advisory Opinions:
 - a.) Patrice Milos, Ph.D. requests an advisory opinion regarding whether, given her resignation as a member of the board of directors of the Rhode Island Life Science Hub, she may accept and serve in the position of advisor to the Life Science Hub's interim president/CEO until a permanent president/CEO can be selected and confirmed by the Rhode Island Senate. [Senior Staff Attorney D'Arezzo]

- b.) Major Joel Thomas, Operations Bureau Commander with the Warwick Police Department, who in his private capacity has developed a computer software program, requests an advisory opinion regarding what restrictions, if any, the Code of Ethics places upon his ability to contract with public or private entities in and outside Rhode Island for the use of his software program. [Staff Attorney Papa]
 - c.) Lucien Benoit, a member of the North Smithfield Planning Board, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether he is permitted by the Code of Ethics to attend and speak at public hearings before the planning board regarding the proposed subdivision and development of property that directly abuts his personal residence. [Staff Attorney Papa]
 - d.) Tracy Lapointe-Webber, a probation and parole officer with the Rhode Island Department of Corrections, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits her from establishing and operating an independent clinical therapy practice while continuing her state employment. [Staff Attorney Papa]
 - e.) Georges Nehme, a principal civil engineer with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, who in his private capacity is a licensed professional engineer, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether he is prohibited by the Code of Ethics from assisting, in his private capacity, ready-mixed concrete plants in Rhode Island with achieving National Ready Mixed Concrete Association certification. [Staff Attorney Radiches]
7. Motion to go into Executive Session, to wit:
- a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on March 24, 2026, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) & (4).
 - b.) Motion to return to Open Session.
8. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on April 14, 2026.
9. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.
10. New Business proposed for future Commission agendas and general comments from the Commission.
11. Motion to adjourn

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