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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

DATE:	Tuesday, June 2, 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/82152482245</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

8th Meeting

1. Call to Order.
2. Motion to approve minutes of Open Session held on May 5, 2026.
3. 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;
4. Advisory Opinions:
 - a.) A. Ralph Mollis, the town manager for the Town of North Kingstown, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits his grandson's summer employment in the town's summer camp program. [Staff Attorney Radiches]
 - b.) J. Clement Cicilline, M.S., a member of the Newport Canvassing Authority, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether he is prohibited by the Code of Ethics from serving in his private capacity as a member of a host committee that would conduct fundraising activities on behalf of, and organize a reception in honor of, a congressional candidate. [Staff Attorney Papa]
 - c.) Donna Wilson, who was recently conditionally appointed to the Bristol Housing Authority pending the receipt of a favorable advisory opinion, and who in her private capacity works as the executive director of the Benjamin Church Senior Center, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether she is

prohibited by the Code of Ethics from becoming a member of the housing authority and from then serving simultaneously in both positions. [Staff Attorney Radiches]

5. Motion to go into Executive Session, to wit:
 - a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on May 5, 2026, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) & (4).
 - b.) In re: K. Joseph Shekarchi, Complaint No. 2026-1, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) & (4).
 - c.) Review of proposed decision and order in In re: James E. Thorsen, Complaint No. 2023-7, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) & (4).
 - d.) Motion to return to Open Session.
6. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on June 2, 2026.
7. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.
8. Vote to approve proposed decision and order in: In re: James E. Thorsen, Complaint No. 2023-7.
9. New Business proposed for future Commission agendas and general comments from the Commission.
10. Motion to adjourn.

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Posted on May 28, 2026