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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

DATE:	Tuesday, July 14, 2026
TIME:	9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	Rhode Island Ethics Commission Hearing Room – 8 th Floor 40 Fountain Street Providence, RI 02903
LIVESTREAM:	The Open Session portions of this meeting will be livestreamed at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85801568090 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.



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AGENDA

10th Meeting

1. Call to Order.
2. Motion to approve minutes of Open Session held on June 23, 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.) Michael Peno Jr., a social caseworker employed by the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether he is prohibited by the Code of Ethics from simultaneously engaging in advocacy work in his private capacity under the circumstances described herein and, if not so prohibited, what limitations, if any, the Code of Ethics would place upon him. [Staff Attorney Radiches on behalf of Attorney Papa]
 - b.) Jessica Lance, a former director of special projects with the Providence Department of Planning and Development, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether she is prohibited by the Code of Ethics from now working in her private capacity on a new phase of a project which she oversaw as part of her former municipal duties and, if not so prohibited, what implications the Code of Ethics' revolving door provisions would have on her private work on the project during the one-year period following her severance from municipal employment. [Staff Attorney Radiches on behalf of Attorney Papa]

5. Education Update. [Staff Attorney Radiches]
6. Motion to go into Executive Session, to wit:
 - a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on June 23, 2026, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) & (4).
 - b.) Annual Discussion and review re: Legal Counsel's contract pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(1).
 - c.) K. Joseph Shekarchi vs. Rhode Island Ethics Commission, Superior Court C.A. No. PC-2026-03423, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2).
 - d.) Motion to return to Open Session.
7. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on July 14, 2026.
8. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.
9. Annual Discussion and potential vote re: Legal Counsel's contract.
10. New Business proposed for future Commission agendas and general comments from the Commission.
11. Motion to adjourn.

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