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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

DATE:	Tuesday, November 10, 2026
TIME:	9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	Rhode Island Ethics Commission Hearing Room – 8th Floor 40 Fountain Street Providence, RI 02903
LIVESTREAM:	The Open Session portions of this meeting will be livestreamed at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84950844222 **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

15th Meeting

1. Call to Order.

2. Motion to approve minutes of Open Session held on October 20, 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.) Dennis Greenless, a fire safety technician with the Rhode Island Department of Corrections, who was formerly employed by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and who, in his private capacity, is the sole owner and operator of a recently established fire safety consulting company, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether he may simultaneously operate his private business while employed with the Department of Corrections and what restrictions, if any, the Code of Ethics places upon him given his current employment with the Department of Corrections and his past employment with the State Fire Marshal's Office. [Staff Attorney Popova Papa]

   b.) Richard Charest, the former secretary of the Rhode Island Office of Health and Human Services, requests an advisory opinion regarding what limitations, if any, the Code of Ethics places upon him in his new private employment as the chief executive officer of CharterCARE Health of Rhode Island, a private community-based health system. [Staff Attorney Popova Papa]

c.) Daniel P. Connors, the former Director of Interagency Operations with the Rhode Island Office of Health and Human Services, requests an advisory opinion regarding the application of the revolving door provisions of the Code of Ethics relative to his advocacy work and his ability to represent his new private employer, the Hospital Association of Rhode Island, and its members before the Rhode Island General Assembly and Rhode Island executive branch agencies other than the Office of Health and Human Services including, but not limited to: the Office of the Governor and the Department of Administration, within one year of leaving state service. [Staff Attorney Popova Papa]

d.) Patricia A. Alley, a member of the South Kingstown Town Council, who in her private capacity is the president of Sow a Seed South County, a private non-profit organization, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the safeguards proposed in her request for the instant advisory opinion are sufficient to insulate her from conflicts of interest under the Code of Ethics while simultaneously fulfilling her duties in either position and, if not, what additional safeguards are necessary. [Staff Attorney Popova Papa]

5. Motion to go into Executive Session, to wit:

   a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on October 20, 2026, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) & (4)

   b.) Litigation update re: K. Joseph Shekarchi vs. Rhode Island Ethics Commission, Supreme Court No. SU-2026-313-A, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2).

   c.) Motion to return to Open Session.

6. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on November 10, 2026.

7. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.

8. New Business proposed for future Commission agendas and general comments from the Commission.

9. Motion to adjourn.

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