



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RHODE ISLAND ETHICS COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

AGENDA

1st Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, January 7, 2020

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 December 10, 2019.
2. Advisory Opinions:
 - a.) 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.
 - b.) Melissa Pattavina, a member of the Newport Planning Board, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether she is prohibited by the Code of Ethics from participating in discussions and decision-making relative to matters concerning the proposed demolition of property and subsequent development of a hotel in Newport, given that her mother owns property within 200 feet of the hotel's proposed location.
 - c.) Kelly Levesque, the Town Sergeant for the Town of Tiverton, requests an advisory opinion regarding what limitations, if any, the Code of Ethics places upon her simultaneously serving as the Co-Chair of the Tiverton Days Committee, a group of volunteers who organize family friendly events and activities for residents of the Town of Tiverton.

- d.) Joseph Reppucci, a Principal Public Health Promotion Specialist for the Rhode Island Department of Health, requests an advisory opinion regarding the application of the revolving door provisions of the Code of Ethics to his impending private employment with RPA: A Jensen Hughes Company, a private emergency management consulting company.
3. Motion to go into Executive Session, to wit:
- a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on December 10, 2019, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) & (4).
 - b.) In re: Gina M. Raimondo, Complaint No. 2019-11, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) & (4).
 - c.) In re: Sarah Markey, Complaint No. 2019-9, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) & (4).
 - d.) 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).
 - e.) Motion to return to Open Session.
4. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.
5. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on January 7, 2020
6. Election of Officers.
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.
 - d.) Status of 2018 and 2019 Financial Disclosure.
8. New Business proposed for future Commission agendas and general comments from the Commission.
9. Adjournment.

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