

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2013
MEETING OF THE WEST VIRGINIA ETHICS COMMISSION**

The June 6, 2013 meeting of the West Virginia Ethics Commission was called to order in the Commission's Office located at 210 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Kemp Morton. Present in person were members Ron Salmons, Father Douglas Sutton, Jonathan Turak, Robert Wolfe and Terry Walker. Members Jack Buckalew and Monté Williams participated via telephone. Member Drema Radford was absent. Executive Director C. Joan Parker, General Counsel Maryclaire Akers, Deputy General Counsel Arlie Hubbard and Paralegal/Acting Secretary Lietta J. White were in attendance from the Commission staff.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton asked for approval of the April 4, 2013 Commission Meeting minutes.

WHEREUPON, Mr. Turak made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2013 meeting and Mr. Walker seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton, announced the next Commission meeting would be held July 11, 2013.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Parker for a recap of the previous month. Ms. Parker discussed Commission vacancies, the WVEC budget decrease and training sessions that had been conducted. Chairperson Morton discussed the Commission quorum issues and requirements for becoming a Commission member as seen on a television show and the Commission members leaving their meeting packets with the Commission's Staff to shred after the meeting has taken place.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Parker to present Advisory Opinion 2013-14 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Parker presented Advisory Opinion 2013-14 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Father Douglas Sutton made a motion to approve Advisory Opinion 2013-14 and Mr. Turak seconded. The motion passed 6-0. **Member Williams recused himself due to personal conflict and was off the telephone during the discussion and vote pertaining to Advisory Opinion 2013-14.**

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Mr. Hubbard to present Advisory Opinion 2013-15 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Mr. Hubbard presented Advisory Opinion 2013-15 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Father Douglas Sutton made a motion to approve Advisory Opinion 2013-15 and Mr. Turak seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Member Williams had not rejoined the meeting via telephone during the discussion and vote pertaining to Advisory Opinion 2013-15.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Parker to present Advisory Opinion 2013-16 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Parker presented Advisory Opinion 2012-16 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve Advisory Opinion 2013-16 and Father Douglas Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

WHEREUPON, Member Williams rejoined the meeting via telephone.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Parker to present Advisory Opinion 2013-17 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Parker presented Advisory Opinion 2013-17 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Mr. Buckalew made a motion to approve Advisory Opinion 2013-17 and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Akers to present Advisory Opinion 2013-18 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Akers presented Advisory Opinion 2013-18 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Mr. Turak made a motion to approve Advisory Opinion 2013-18 and Mr. Salmons seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Akers to present Advisory Opinion 2013-19 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Akers presented Advisory Opinion 2013-19 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Father Douglas Sutton made a motion to approve Advisory Opinion 2013-19 and Mr. Buckalew seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Akers to present Advisory Opinion 2013-20 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Akers presented Advisory Opinion 2013-20 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve Advisory Opinion 2013-20 and Mr. Turak seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Parker to present Advisory Opinion 2013-21 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Parker presented Advisory Opinion 2013-21 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Mr. Buckalew made a motion to table Advisory Opinion 2013-21 until the July 11, 2013 Commission meeting to allow Staff to obtain additional information. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Member Williams recused himself due to personal conflict and was off the telephone during the discussion and vote pertaining to Advisory Opinion 2013-21.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Parker to present Advisory Opinion 2013-22 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Parker presented Advisory Opinion 2013-22 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve Advisory Opinion 2013-22 and Mr. Walker seconded. The motion passed 6-1. Mr. Salmons voted in the negative.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Parker to present Advisory Opinion 2013-23 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Parker presented Advisory Opinion 2013-23 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Father Douglas Sutton made a motion to approve Advisory Opinion 2013-22 and Mr. Walker seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Mr. Hubbard to present Advisory Opinion 2013-24 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Mr. Hubbard presented Advisory Opinion 2013-24 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Father Douglas Sutton made a motion to approve Advisory Opinion 2013-24 and Mr. Turak seconded. The motion passed 5-0. **Member Salmons recused himself due to personal conflict and was not present in the room during the discussion and vote pertaining to Advisory Opinion 2013-24. Member Wolfe abstained from voting.**

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Parker to present Advisory Opinion 2013-25 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Parker presented Advisory Opinion 2013-25 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Mr. Turak made a motion to table Advisory Opinion 2013-25 until the July 11, 2013 Commission meeting to allow Staff to obtain additional information. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Parker to present Advisory Opinion 2013-26 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Parker presented Advisory Opinion 2013-26 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Father Douglas Sutton made a motion to approve Advisory Opinion 2013-26 and Mr. Walker seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton noted there were no School Board Advisory Opinion Requests or Property Exemption Requests to be presented to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton with consensus of the Commission, called upon the Commission's staff to present the agenda items out of order.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Parker to present the Employment Exemption Requests.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Parker presented EE 2013-06 requested by Ryan Curry, EE 2013-07 requested by Rob Alsop, EE 2013-08 requested by Karen C. Villanueva-Matkovich, Esq., EE 2013-09 requested by Stephen M. Dean, EE 2013-10 requested by Michelle L. Redd, EE 2013-11 requested by Rocco S. Fucillo, EE 2013-12 requested by Michael A. Zeto, EE 2013-13 requested by Russell S. Cook and EE 2013-14 requested by Ryan Sims. After discussion, Mr. Wolfe made a motion to ratify the requests and Mr. Salmons seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton asked Ms. Parker if there were any miscellaneous matters to bring before the Commission.

WHEREUPON, the Commission reviewed the Ethics Commission P-Card monthly purchase report without comment.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Parker advised that ethics training sessions would be made available on the WVEC website in video and/or Microsoft PowerPoint format, but staff would continue to provide training in person.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Mr. Hubbard to present Contract Exemption 2013-02 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Mr. Hubbard presented Contract Exemption 2013-02 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Mr. Salmons made a motion to approve Contract Exemption 2013-02 and Mr. Turak seconded. The motion passed 5-0. **Member Buckalew and Member Williams recused themselves due to personal conflicts, but stayed on the telephone for the purposes of maintaining a quorum.**

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton asked if there were any other matters to be discussed before the Commission, there being none, the meeting was adjourned.

The foregoing minutes of the West Virginia Ethics Commission were approved unanimously at the July 11, 2013 WVEC meeting.



Jonathan E. Turak, Vice-Chairperson
West Virginia Ethics Commission

ATTEST:



Lietta J. White Paralegal & Acting Secretary, West Virginia Ethics Commission