

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2014
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEST VIRGINIA ETHICS COMMISSION'S
COMMITTEE ON OPEN GOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS**

The February 6, 2014 special meeting of the West Virginia Ethics Commission's Committee on Open Governmental Meetings was called to order in the Commission's Office, located at 210 Brooks Street, Charleston WV at 9:30 a.m. by Chairperson Drema Radford via telephone. Present in person was member Suzan Singleton and alternate Kemp Morton. Also present at the meeting were Commissioners Betty Ireland, Fr. Douglas Sutton, Terry Walker, and Bob Wolfe. Executive Director C. Joan Parker, General Counsel Kimberly Weber, Deputy General Counsel Meridith Johnstone, Staff Attorney Ben Visnic, Contract Employee Lucy Suchy, and Administrative Secretary Kimberly Pickens of the Ethics Commission staff were present.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Radford stated that the meeting's purpose was to reconsider items from the December 12, 2013 meeting that did not comply with the West Virginia Open Meetings Act.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Parker advised that any official action taken at the December 12, 2013 meeting could be challenged and that the meeting must be opened to public comment before each vote to comply with Open Meetings Advisory Opinion 2005-10.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Radford asked for approval of the minutes.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Singleton made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting and Ms. Radford seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no public comment.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Radford announced the next Committee meeting would be held February 6, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ethics Commission Office, 210 Brooks St., Charleston, WV 25301.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Radford called upon Mr. Visnic to present Open Meetings Advisory Opinion 2013-04.

WHEREUPON, Mr. Visnic presented Open Meetings Advisory Opinion 2013-04 to the Committee for consideration. After discussion and the opportunity for public comment, Ms. Singleton made a motion to approve Open Meetings Advisory Opinion 2013-04 and Mr. Melton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no public comment.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Radford called upon Mr. Visnic to present Open Meetings Advisory Opinion 2013-05.

WHEREUPON, Mr. Visnic presented Open Meetings Advisory Opinion 2013-05 to the Committee for consideration. After discussion and the opportunity for public comment, Ms. Singleton made a motion to approve Open Meetings Advisory Opinion 2013-05 and Mr. Morton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no public comment.


WHEREUPON, Chairperson Radford stated there were no more items for discussion. Ms. Singleton moved the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Morton seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

The foregoing minutes of the West Virginia Ethics Commission's Committee on Open Governmental Meetings were approved unanimously at a regular meeting of the Committee on March 6, 2014.



Drema Radford, Chairperson
Committee on Open Governmental Meetings

ATTEST:



Kimberly Pickens, Acting Secretary
Committee on Open Governmental Meetings