

**Minutes of the August 3, 2017
Meeting of the West Virginia Ethics Commission**

The August 3, 2017, meeting of the West Virginia Ethics Commission was called to order in the Commission's office at 210 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia, at 10 a.m. by Chairperson Robert J. Wolfe. Present in person were Chairperson Wolfe and Commissioners Betty S. Ireland, Lawrence Tweel and Terry Walker. Participating by telephone were Commissioners Karen Disibbio, Suzan Singleton and Monté Williams. Executive Director Rebecca Stepto, General Counsel Kimberly B. Weber, Staff Attorney Theresa M. Kirk, Staff Attorney Derek Knopp, Staff Attorney Andrew Herrick and Lobbyist Registrar and Administrative Secretary Teri Anderson, all from the Commission staff, were present.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Wolfe asked for approval of the June 1, 2017, Commission meeting minutes.

WHEREUPON, Commissioner Ireland moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Walker seconded, and the motion was adopted.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Stepto gave a summary of the previous month.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Stepto presented Employment Exemption 2017-21 requested by Monica D. Miller, Community Development Manager, Development Office. After discussion, Commissioner Ireland moved that Employment Exemption 2017-21 be ratified. Commissioner Walker gave a second, and the motion was adopted.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Wolfe asked for a motion to go into executive session.

WHEREUPON, Commissioner Ireland moved that the Commission go into executive session, pursuant to W. Va. Code § 6B-2-4(s), to consider a Final Order in the matter of VCRB 2014-126, J. Michael Ihle. Commissioner Walker gave a second. The motion was adopted. All guests and staff, except Ms. Stepto and Ms. Anderson, left the meeting room.

WHEREUPON, the Commission returned to public session, and a motion was made by Commissioner Tweel that the Final Decision and Order in the matter of VCRB 2014-126, J. Michael Ihle, be approved. Commissioner Ireland seconded, and the motion was adopted.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Wolfe recognized Ms. Kirk to present proposed Advisory Opinion 2017-17.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Kirk presented Advisory Opinion 2017-17 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Commissioner Tweel moved and Commissioner

Singleton seconded that the Commission accept the proposed Advisory Opinion. The motion was adopted.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Wolfe recognized Ms. Weber to present proposed Advisory Opinion 2017-19.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Weber presented proposed Advisory Opinion 2017-19 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Commissioner Tweel moved that the Commission accept the proposed Advisory Opinion. Commissioner Walker seconded, and the motion was adopted.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Wolfe recognized Mr. Herrick to present proposed Advisory Opinion 2017-20.

WHEREUPON, Mr. Herrick presented Proposed Advisory Opinion 2017-20 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Commissioner Ireland moved that the Commission accept the proposed Advisory Opinion. Commissioner Walker seconded, and the motion was adopted.

WHEREUPON, the Commission reviewed the P-Card monthly reports for May and June. Commissioner Walker moved and Commissioner Singleton seconded that the reports be accepted. The motion was adopted.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Wolfe recognized Commissioner Tweel to give a report of the Open Governmental Meetings Committee.

WHEREUPON, Commissioner Tweel briefly addressed the Commission regarding the August 3, 2017, meeting of the Open Governmental Meetings Committee.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Wolfe reported that Lewis Brewer and Jeffrey Blaydes have been selected to serve as additional Hearing Examiners.

WHEREUPON, Commissioner Ireland declared a conflict of interest in the abovementioned matter and left the room.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Stepto explained the circumstances of the additional contracts for Hearing Examiners. Commissioner Tweel moved and Commissioner Walker seconded that the contracts be approved. The motion was adopted.

WHEREUPON, Commissioner Ireland returned to the meeting room.

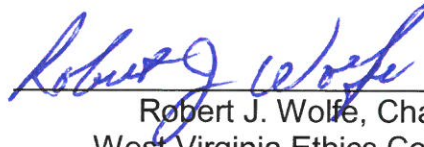
WHEREUPON, Chairperson Wolfe asked for a motion to go into executive session.

WHEREUPON, Commissioner Ireland moved to go into executive session pursuant to W. Va. Code § 6-9A-4(12), to consider making criminal referrals to the

appropriate county prosecutor in CICs 2017-03 and 04, pursuant to W. Va. Code § 6B-2-4(w)(1). Commissioner Tweel seconded and the motion was adopted.

WHEREUPON, the Commission returned to public session, and Commissioner Ireland moved that pursuant to W. Va. Code § 6B-2-4(w)(1), the Commission make criminal referrals in CICs 2017-03 and 04 to the appropriate county prosecutor. Commissioner Walker seconded, and the motion was adopted.

WHEREUPON, Commissioner Tweel made a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner Singleton seconded. The motion was adopted, and the meeting was adjourned.



Robert J. Wolfe, Chairperson
West Virginia Ethics Commission

ATTEST:



Teri Anderson, Lobbyist Registrar and
Administrative Secretary
West Virginia Ethics Commission