

West Virginia Ethics Commission

Meeting Minutes February 6, 2020

The February 6, 2020, meeting of the West Virginia Ethics Commission was called to order in the Commission's office at 210 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia, at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Robert J. Wolfe.

Present

Robert J. Wolfe, Commission chairperson
Lindsey C. Ashley, Commission member (by telephone)
Lynn Davis, Commission member (by telephone)
Robert Harman, Commission member (by telephone)
Suzan Singleton, Commission member (by telephone)
Terry Walker, Commission member (by telephone)
Monté Williams, Commission member (by telephone)
Rebecca L. Stepto, Executive Director
Kimberly B. Weber, General Counsel
Derek A. Knopp, Staff Attorney
M. Ellen Briggs, Special Assistant to the Executive Director

Absent

Karen Disibbio, Commission member
Larry Tweel, Commission member

Approval of minutes

Ms. Singleton made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commission's January 2, 2020, meeting. Ms. Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Recap of previous month

Ms. Stepto provided a summary of news and developments relating to the Ethics Commission during the previous month.

Employment Exemptions

EE 2020-01

Jennifer Eva, Program Manager I, Department of Health and Human Resources,
Bureau for Medical Services

EE 2020-02

Samuel J. Perris, Construction Office Manager, Department of Transportation, Division of Highways

EE 2020-03

Christopher M. Miller, Realty Manager – Relocation/Property Management, Right-of-Way Division, Department of Transportation, Division of Highways

EE 2020-04

Nawamee Shrestha, Signing and Lighting Design Engineer, Department of Transportation, Division of Highways

EE 2020-05

Adam Crites, Transportation Engineering Technician-Senior, Department of Transportation, Division of Highways

Mr. Harman moved that Employment Exemptions 2020-01, 2020-02, 2020-03, 2020-04 and 2020-05 be ratified. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Advisory Opinion 2020-01

Mr. Wolfe called upon Mr. Knopp to present Advisory Opinion 2020-01 to the Commission for consideration. Mr. Knopp presented the proposed Advisory Opinion. Ms. Singleton moved to accept the Advisory Opinion. Mr. Harman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Advisory Opinion 2020-03

Mr. Wolfe called upon Ms. Weber to present Advisory Opinion 2020-03 to the Commission for consideration. Ms. Weber presented the proposed Advisory Opinion. Ms. Davis moved to accept the Advisory Opinion. Mr. Harman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Lobbyist Activity Reports

Mr. Wolfe called upon Ms. Stepto to give a report on the results of the lobbyist audit. Ms. Stepto reported that the 2019 lobbyist audit has been completed by Rowan & Associates. Mr. Rowan requested documentation from the following 25 randomly selected lobbyists to support the expenditures they reported in Lobbyist Activity Reports filed for 2018:

Archer, Julie
Bailey, Bridget
Blackwood, Andrew
Bowles, Matthew
Collins, Susan Lee
DiStefano, Seth
Fath, Tracy Dawn
Haid, Michael
Harper, Brenda
Jacquis, Michelle
Kiss, Robert S.
Lavriha, Kathryn
Lucas, Conrad

Markham, Peter
Martin, Bruce
Nartowicz, Nikolas
O'Donnell, Brian
Park, Jr., Larry
Pepper, Emmett
Pritt, Alan
Shepherd, Lida
Simmons, Gordon
Smith, Sarah
Walters, Andrew
Williams, Benjamin

A motion was made by Ms. Davis that no further activity is required by Mr. Rowan; that there is no information disclosed in the reports relating to lobbyist compensation or other information which is not required to be disclosed pursuant to W. Va. Code § 6B-3-1 et seq. and that the reports be deemed final. Ms. Singleton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

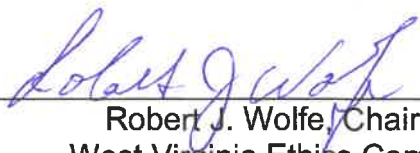
Approve P-card monthly report

The Commission reviewed purchases on the P-card monthly report for December 2019. Mr. Harman moved that the report be accepted as presented. Ms. Davis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Adjournment


Ms. Singleton made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

The foregoing minutes of the West Virginia Ethics Commission were approved at the Commission's March 5, 2020, meeting.



Robert J. Wolfe, Chairperson
West Virginia Ethics Commission

ATTEST:



M. Ellen Briggs, Special Assistant
to the Executive Director
West Virginia Ethics Commission