

West Virginia Ethics Commission

Meeting Minutes October 1, 2020

The October 1, 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. Most Commissioners attended via telephone due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Present

Robert J. Wolfe, Commission chairperson
Lindsey Ashley, Commission member (by telephone)
Lynn Davis, Commission member (by telephone)
Karen Disibbio, Commission member (by telephone)
Robert Harman, Commission member (by telephone)
Suzan Singleton, Commission member (by telephone)
Terry Walker, Commission member (by telephone)
Kimberly B. Weber, Executive Director
Theresa M. Kirk, Staff Attorney
M. Ellen Briggs, Executive Assistant

Absent

Monté Williams, Commission member

Approve Minutes

Ms. Singleton made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commission's September 3, 2020, meeting. Mr. Harman seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ashley – aye
Davis – aye
Disibbio – aye
Harman – aye
Singleton – aye
Walker – aye
Wolfe – aye

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2021

Mr. Wolfe reported on the meeting dates for 2021, subject to change:

January 7
February 4
March 4
April 1
May 6
June 3
July 1
August 5
September 2
October 7
November 4
December 2

Recap of Previous Month

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

Employment Exemption Request

EE 2020-26

Jason M. Boyd, Division Director, Department of Transportation, Division of Highways

Mr. Harman moved that Employment Exemption 2020-26 be ratified. Ms. Singleton seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ashley – aye
Davis – aye
Disibbio – aye
Harman – aye
Singleton – aye
Walker – aye
Wolfe – aye

Contract Exemption 2020-07

Mr. Wolfe called upon Ms. Weber to present Contract Exemption 2020-07 to the Commission for consideration. Ms. Weber presented the proposed Contract Exemption, and the requester, who was present via telephone, answered questions from the Commission members. Ms. Singleton made a motion that the Contract Exemption be approved as presented. Mr. Harman seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ashley – aye
Davis – aye
Disibbio – aye
Harman – aye
Singleton – aye
Walker – aye
Wolfe – nay

Approve P-card Monthly Report

The Commission reviewed purchases on the P-card monthly report for July 2020. Ms. Singleton moved that the report be accepted as presented. Ms. Davis seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ashley – aye
Davis – aye
Disibbio – aye
Harman – aye
Singleton – aye
Walker – aye
Wolfe – aye

Criminal Referral

A motion was made by Ms. Davis to go into executive session, pursuant to W. Va. Code § 6-9A-4(12), to consider making a referral to the appropriate county prosecutor in VCRB 2020-71 pursuant to W. Va. Code § 6B-2-4(w)(1). Ms. Disibbio seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ashley – aye
Davis – aye
Disibbio – aye
Harman – aye
Singleton – aye
Walker – aye
Wolfe – aye

The Commission returned to public session. Mr. Harman moved that, pursuant to W. Va. Code § 6B-2-4(w)(1), the Commission make a referral in VCRB 2020-71 to the appropriate county prosecutor. Ms. Davis seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ashley – aye
Davis – aye
Disibbio – aye
Harman – aye
Singleton – aye

Walker – aye
Wolfe – aye

Adjournment

Ms. Davis made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Singleton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows, and the meeting was adjourned.


Ashley – aye
Davis – aye
Disibbio – aye
Harman – aye
Singleton – aye
Walker – aye
Wolfe – aye

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



Robert J. Wolfe, Chairperson
West Virginia Ethics Commission

ATTEST:



M. Ellen Briggs, Executive Assistant
West Virginia Ethics Commission