

West Virginia Ethics Commission

Meeting Minutes April 1, 2021

The April 1, 2021, 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. The public was invited to attend via telephone due to the 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)
Monté Williams, Commission member (by telephone)
Kimberly B. Weber, Executive Director
Theresa M. Kirk, General Counsel
Andrew R. Herrick, Staff Attorney (by telephone)
M. Ellen Briggs, Executive Assistant

Approve Minutes

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commission's March 4, 2021, meeting. Ms. Singleton seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

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 2021-07

Michael R. Jones, Chemist 3, Environmental and Coatings Section,
Department of Transportation, Division of Highways

Ms. Davis moved that Employment Exemption 2021-07 be ratified. Mr. Harman seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

Advisory Opinion 2021-05

Mr. Wolfe called upon Ms. Kirk to present Advisory Opinion 2021-05 to the Commission for consideration. Ms. Kirk presented the proposed Advisory Opinion. Ms. Singleton made a motion that the Advisory Opinion be approved as presented. Ms. Disibbio seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

Contract Exemption 2021-01

Mr. Wolfe called upon Ms. Weber to present Contract Exemption 2021-01, in which the Town of Clendenin asked to be allowed to use FEMA reimbursement funds to pay Council member John B. Shelton, Jr., for his work, since the 2016 flood, as the Town's Project Manager for its FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program projects. Ms. Weber presented the proposed Contract Exemption. Also present via telephone were Traci L. Wiley,

attorney for the Town of Clendenin; Mr. Shelton; Mayor Kay Summers, and Town Recorder Erica Kearns. Ms. Wiley and Mr. Shelton addressed the Commission. After discussion, Ms. Davis made a motion that the Contract Exemption be approved as presented. Mr. Walker seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

Approve P-card Monthly Report

The Commission reviewed purchases on the P-card monthly report for February 2021. Ms. Singleton moved that the report be approved as presented. Ms. Disibbio seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

Adjournment

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

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

The foregoing minutes of the West Virginia Ethics Commission were approved at the Commission's May 6, 2021, meeting.



Robert J. Wolfe, Chairperson
West Virginia Ethics Commission

ATTEST:



M. Ellen Briggs, Executive Assistant
West Virginia Ethics Commission