

West Virginia Ethics Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2021

The June 3, 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
Lynn Davis, Commission member (by telephone)
Karen Disibbio, Commission member (by telephone)
Robert Harman, Commission member (by telephone)
Suzan Singleton, Commission member (by telephone)
Kimberly B. Weber, Executive Director
Theresa M. Kirk, General Counsel
Andrew R. Herrick, Staff Attorney
John E. Roush, Staff Attorney
M. Ellen Briggs, Executive Assistant

Absent

Terry Walker, Commission member
Monté Williams, Commission member

Resignation of Commissioner Ashley

Mr. Wolfe reported that Lindsey Ashley resigned as a member of the Commission effective May 28, 2021. He further reported that the Commission has two vacancies now.

Approve Minutes

Ms. Disibbio made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commission's May 6, 2021, meeting. Mr. Harman seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Davis – aye
Disibbio – aye
Harman – aye
Singleton – 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 2021-12

Travis W. Knighton, P.E., District One Engineer, Department of Transportation, Division of Highways

Ms. Davis moved that Employment Exemption 2021-12 be ratified. Ms. Disibbio seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

- Davis – aye
- Disibbio – aye
- Harman – aye
- Singleton – aye
- Wolfe – aye

Advisory Opinion 2021-09

Mr. Wolfe called upon Ms. Kirk to present Advisory Opinion 2021-09 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:

- Davis – aye
- Disibbio – aye
- Harman – aye
- Singleton – aye
- Wolfe – aye

Advisory Opinion 2021-10

Mr. Wolfe called upon Ms. Weber to present Advisory Opinion 2021-10 to the Commission for consideration. Ms. Weber presented the proposed Advisory Opinion. Ms. Disibbio made a motion that the Advisory Opinion be approved as presented. Ms. Singleton seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

- Davis – aye
- Disibbio – aye
- Harman – aye
- Singleton – aye
- Wolfe – aye

Advisory Opinion 2021-11

Mr. Wolfe called upon Mr. Herrick to present Advisory Opinion 2021-11 to the Commission for consideration. Mr. Herrick presented the proposed Advisory Opinion. Ms. Disibbio made a motion that the Advisory Opinion be approved as presented. Ms. Singleton seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Davis – aye
Disibbio – aye
Harman – aye
Singleton – aye
Wolfe – aye

Advisory Opinion 2021-12

Mr. Wolfe called upon Mr. Roush to present Advisory Opinion 2021-12 to the Commission for consideration. Mr. Roush presented the proposed Advisory Opinion. Ms. Disibbio made a motion that the Advisory Opinion be approved as presented. Mr. Harman seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

Advisory Opinion 2021-13

Mr. Wolfe called upon Ms. Kirk to present Advisory Opinion 2021-13 to the Commission for consideration. Ms. Kirk presented the proposed Advisory Opinion. Ms. Davis made a motion that the Advisory Opinion be approved as presented. Ms. Disibbio seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Davis – aye
Disibbio – aye
Harman – aye
Singleton – aye
Wolfe – aye

Advisory Opinion 2021-14

Mr. Wolfe called upon Ms. Weber to present Advisory Opinion 2021-14 to the Commission for consideration. Ms. Weber presented the proposed Advisory Opinion. Mr. Harman made a motion that the Advisory Opinion be approved as presented. Ms. Disibbio seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Davis – aye
Disibbio – aye
Harman – aye
Singleton – aye
Wolfe – aye

Approve P-card Monthly Report

The Commission reviewed the P-card monthly report for April 2021. A motion was made by Ms. Disibbio that the report be approved as presented. Ms. Singleton gave a second, and upon roll call, the motion failed for lack of a quorum. A motion was made by Ms. Singleton that this matter be tabled for the next Commission meeting. Ms. Disibbio gave a second, and upon roll call, it was determined that a quorum was now present. Ms. Davis moved that the motion to table be rescinded and that the report be approved as presented. Ms. Singleton seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

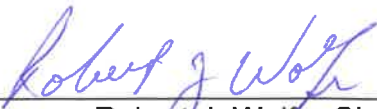
Davis – aye
Disibbio – aye
Harman – aye
Singleton – aye
Wolfe – aye

Adjournment

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

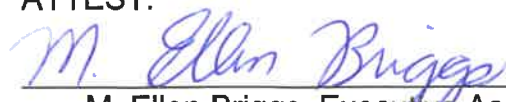
Davis – aye
Disibbio – aye
Harman – aye
Singleton – aye
Wolfe – aye

The foregoing minutes of the West Virginia Ethics Commission were approved at the Commission's August 5, 2021, meeting.



Robert J. Wolfe, Chairperson
West Virginia Ethics Commission

ATTEST:



M. Ellen Briggs, Executive Assistant
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