

**Minutes of the February 2, 2017
Meeting of the West Virginia Ethics Commission**

The February 2, 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 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Robert J. Wolfe. Present in person at the meeting were Chairperson Wolfe and Commissioners Betty Ireland and Terry Walker. Commissioners Karen Disibbio, Suzan Singleton and Monté Williams participated by telephone. Commissioner Lawrence Tweel was absent. Executive Director Rebecca L. Stepto, General Counsel Kimberly B. Weber, Staff Attorney Theresa M. Kirk, Staff Attorney Derek A. Knopp and Special Assistant to the Executive Director M. Ellen Briggs, all from the Commission staff, were present.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Wolfe asked for approval of the January 13, 2017, Commission meeting minutes.

WHEREUPON, Commissioner Ireland made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2017. Commissioner Walker gave a second. The motion passed.

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

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Wolfe called upon Mr. Knopp to present proposed Advisory Opinion 2017-03 for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Mr. Knopp presented proposed Advisory Opinion 2017-03 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Ireland to accept the proposed Advisory Opinion. Commissioner Walker gave a second, and the motion carried.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Wolfe called upon Ms. Weber to present proposed School Board Advisory Opinion 2017-01.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Weber presented proposed School Board Advisory Opinion 2017-01 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Ireland to accept the proposed School Board Advisory Opinion. Commissioner Singleton gave a second, and the motion carried.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Wolfe called upon Ms. Kirk to present the Blind Trust Agreement submitted by H. Wood Thrasher.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Kirk presented the proposed Blind Trust Agreement submitted by H. Wood Thrasher and the Commission's proposed Order. Representatives for Mr. Thrasher, John Allevato and Brian Helmick, were present to answer questions of the Commission. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Ireland that the Commission find that the trustees and trust submitted by Mr. Thrasher meet the requirements of W. Va. Code § 6B-2-8 and that the

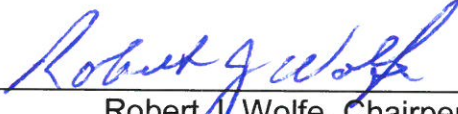
Commission approve the qualified blind trust of Mr. Thrasher. Commissioner Walker gave a second, and the motion carried.

WHEREUPON, the Commission reviewed the P-Card monthly report for December. Commissioner Ireland moved and Commissioner Walker seconded that the report be accepted. The motion carried.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Wolfe stated there were no more items for discussion.

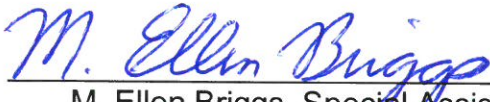
WHEREUPON, Commissioner Ireland made a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner Singleton seconded. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

The foregoing minutes of the West Virginia Ethics Commission were approved at the March 2, 2017, meeting.



Robert J. Wolfe, Chairperson
West Virginia Ethics Commission

ATTEST:



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