

**West Virginia Ethics Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 7, 2026**

The May 7, 2026, 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 Wolfe. Commissioners and the public were invited to attend in person, via video link, and via telephone.

**Present**

Robert J. Wolfe, Chairperson (in person)  
JR Carter, Commission member (virtual)  
Josh Cottle, Commissioner member (virtual)  
Lynn Davis, Commission member (by telephone)  
Karen Disibbio, Commission member (by telephone)  
Jordan K. Herrick, Commission member (virtual)  
Suzan Singleton, Commission member (virtual)  
Kimberly B. Weber, Executive Director  
John Roush, General Counsel  
John N. Ellem, Deputy General Counsel  
Rachel Carpenter, Executive Assistant

**Absent**

Kayla Kessinger, Commission member  
Terry Walker, Commission member

**Call to Order**

Mr. Wolfe called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commission's April 2, 2026, meeting. Ms. Disibbio seconded the motion, and the motion carried as follows:

Carter - aye  
Cottle - aye  
Davis - aye  
Disibbio - aye  
Herrick - 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 Requests**

Ms. Weber asked the Commission to ratify the following temporary employment exemptions that she had granted since the last Commission meeting.

**EE 2026-16** Tamer Abdelgelil, Engineer Trainee - State Revolving Fund Program, Department of Environmental Protection

**EE 2026-17** Ryan Dague, TRET-CN-Construction Office Manager, Department of Transportation, Division of Highways

**EE 2026-18** Darrin A. Holmes, Transportation Engineer, Department of Transportation, Division of Highways

**EE 2026-19** Michael Mooney, Transportation Engineer Technician-Associate (TRETAS), Department of Transportation, Division of Highways

**EE 2026-20** Jedidiah Walls, Investigator, WV Attorney General's Office

**EE 2026-21** Stefen White, Transportation District Administrative Manager 3 (TDADM3), Division of Highways

**EE 2026-22** David Scott Abbott, Integrated Construction Technologies Supervisor, Division of Highways

**EE 2026-23** Russell Kees, Transportation Business Manager 3, Division of Highways

**EE 2026-24** Jeremy Rose, HTRET-D-1 Project Inspector, Division of Highways

**EE 2026-25** Frank Foster, Director, Office of Miners' Health, Safety, and Training

**EE 2026-26** Lee Yost, Environmental Resources Specialist 3, Department of Environmental Protection

**EE 2026-27** Pamela Butcheck, Environmental Resources Specialist, Department of Environmental Protection

Ms. Singleton moved that Employment Exemptions 2026-16 and 2026-27 be ratified. Mr. Carter seconded the motion, and the motion carried as follows:

Carter - aye  
Cottle - aye  
Davis – aye  
Disibbio – aye  
Herrick - aye  
Singleton - aye  
Wolfe - aye

### **Contract Exemption**

Mr. Wolfe called upon Mr. Ellem to present [Contract Exemption 2026-06](#) to the Commission for consideration. Mr. Ellem presented the proposed Contract Exemption. Mr. Carter made a motion that the Contract Exemption be approved as presented. Ms. Disibbio seconded the motion. After some discussion, Mr. Wolfe called for the vote. The vote was as follows:

Carter - aye  
Cottle - aye  
Davis – aye  
Disibbio – aye  
Herrick - aye  
Singleton - aye  
Wolfe - aye

### **Approve Purchasing Card Monthly Report**

The Commission reviewed the monthly purchasing card report for April 2026. Ms. Weber reported that invoices were available for review and recommended that the purchases be approved. The purchases included:

3-19-2026 AMAZON \$12.99

3-29-2026 AMAZON \$15.99

3-30-2026 DEVELOPER EXPRESS INC.\$1,044.00

A motion was made by Ms. Singleton to approve the report as presented. Ms. Davis seconded the motion, and the motion carried as follows.

Carter - aye  
Cottle - aye  
Davis – aye  
Disibbio – aye  
Herrick - aye  
Singleton - aye  
Wolfe - aye

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

The foregoing minutes of the West Virginia Ethics Commission were approved at the Commission's June 4, 2026, meeting.

ATTEST:

/s/ Robert J. Wolfe  
Robert J. Wolfe, Chairperson  
West Virginia Ethics Commission

/s/ Rachel Y. Carpenter  
Rachel Y. Carpenter, Executive Assistant  
West Virginia Ethics Commission