

West Virginia Ethics Commission

Meeting Minutes June 2, 2022

The June 2, 2022, 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 Acting Chairperson Terry L. Walker. Mr. Walker reported that Mr. Wolfe asked him to serve as Acting Chair since Mr. Wolfe was not able to attend the meeting in person. Commissioners and the public were invited to attend in person and via telephone. Mr. Walker welcomed Mark Scott, Cabinet Secretary of the Department of Administration, to the meeting.

Present

Terry L. Walker, Commission Acting 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)
Robert J. Wolfe, Commission chairperson (by telephone)
Kimberly B. Weber, Executive Director (by telephone)
Theresa M. Kirk, General Counsel
John E. Roush, Staff Attorney
M. Ellen Briggs, Executive Assistant

Absent

Monté Williams, Commission member

Approve Minutes

Mr. Harman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commission's May 5, 2022, meeting. Ms. Disibbio seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

Recap of Previous Month

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

Employment Exemption Requests

EE 2022-28

Donald Maynor, District Surface Mine Inspector, Office of Miners' Health Safety and Training

EE 2022-29

James M. Colby, Engineering Technologist, Department of Transportation, Division of Highways

EE 2022-30

Blaine C. Hess, Superintendent of Schools, Jackson County Board of Education

EE 2022-31

Carlos A. Semple-Perriea, Chemist III, Department of Transportation, Division of Highways

EE 2022-32

Tanya C. Cyrus, Chief Quality and Integrity Officer, Bureau for Medical Services

Ms. Singleton moved that Employment Exemptions 2022-28 through 2022-32 be ratified. Ms. Disibbio seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

School Board Advisory Opinion 2022-01

Mr. Walker called upon Mr. Roush to present School Board Advisory Opinion 2022-01 to the Commission for consideration. Mr. Roush presented the proposed School Board Advisory Opinion. Ms. Singleton made a motion that the School Board Advisory Opinion be approved as presented. Ms. Disibbio seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

Advisory Opinion 2022-14

Mr. Walker called upon Ms. Kirk to present Advisory Opinion 2022-14 to the Commission for consideration. Ms. Kirk presented the proposed Advisory Opinion. A motion was made by Ms. Singleton to accept the proposed Advisory Opinion as presented. Ms. Disibbio seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

Advisory Opinion 2022-15

Mr. Walker called upon Mr. Roush to present Advisory Opinion 2022-15 to the Commission for consideration. Mr. Roush 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
Walker – aye
Wolfe – aye

Approve P-card Monthly Report

The Commission reviewed the P-card monthly report for April 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Harman to approve the report as presented. Ms. Singleton seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

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

Lobbyist Audit

Mr. Walker called upon Ms. Weber to give a report on the results of the lobbyist audit. Ms. Weber reported that the 2020 lobbyist audit has been completed by Mr. Edward Bailey of Rollins, Cleavenger and Rollins, CPA. Mr. Bailey requested documentation from the following 20 randomly selected lobbyists to support the expenditures they reported in Lobbyist Activity Reports filed for 2020:

Bennett, Taylor	Johns, Robert
Burton, Rob	Lee, Dale
Cavacini, John	Puccio, Larry
Coffman, Rachel	Reale, Abby
Curry, Juliana	Redmond, Sean
Dayton, Brian	Spade, Nathan
Ellem, John	Swann, William
Hartman, Frank	Tanner, Donna
Hefner, Greg	Yaussy, David
Hickman, Sam	Zuckett, Gary

A motion was made by Mr. Harman that no further activity is required by Mr. Bailey; that there is no information disclosed in the reports relating to lobbyist compensation or other information which is not required to be disclosed pursuant to W. Va. Code § 6B-3-1, et seq., and that the reports be deemed final. Ms. Disibbio seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

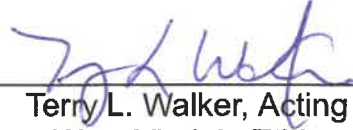
Davis – aye
Disibbio – aye
Harman – aye
Singleton – aye
Walker – aye
Wolfe – aye

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
Walker – aye
Wolfe – aye

The foregoing minutes of the West Virginia Ethics Commission were approved at the Commission's August 4, 2022, meeting.



Terry L. Walker, Acting Chairperson
West Virginia Ethics Commission

ATTEST:



M. Ellen Briggs, Executive Assistant
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