

MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING
OPEN SESSION

November 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Mrs. Susan P. McWilliams at 9:40 a.m. Other members present were Mr. Edward E. Duryea, Mrs. Priscilla L. Tanner, Mrs. E. Kay Biermann-Brohl, Mr. G. Carlton Manley, Mr. JB Holeman, Mr. Jonathan H. Burnett and Dr. Richard H. Fitzgerald. Mr. Phillip Florence, Jr. was absent.

Also present:

Mr. Herbert R. Hayden, Jr., Executive Director
Mrs. Cathy L. Hazelwood, Deputy Director/General Counsel
Mrs. Ami Franklin, Assistant Director, Administration
Mr. Donald M. Lundgren, Chief Investigator
Mr. Dan Choate, Investigator
Ms. Kristin M. Smith, Administrative Coordinator
Ms. Regina A. Washington, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Taylor Kearns
Ms. Matt Perron
Mr. Robert Kittle
Mr. Jim Davenport
Ms. Robin Kanady
Mr. Butch Bowers
Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr.
Mr. W. Steve Fields
Mr. Ralph Patterson
Mr. John O'Conner
Ms. Jennifer Tomasic
Mr. Lewis Turner

Mrs. McWilliams called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Mrs. Brohl made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tanner to approve the amended open and executive session minutes from the July meeting, motion carried.

OFFICE OPERATIONS

COMPLIANCE REPORTS

Mr. Hayden presented the compliance reports for September and October as information only.

BUDGET FY 08/09

Mr. Hayden presented the budget report as information only.

APPEALS

C2009-052 State Ethics Commission vs. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr.

Mr. Kennedy presented his appeal to the Commission. Mr. Manley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Holeman to accept the appeal and reduce the penalty, motion carried.

C2010-010 State Ethics Commission vs. W. Steve Fields

Mr. Fields and Mr. Patterson presented this appeal to the Commission. Mr. Duryea made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tanner to accept the appeal and reduce the penalty, motion carried.

C2005-009 State Ethics Commission vs. Ronald Benjamin

Mr. Hayden presented this appeal to the Commission. Mr. Manley made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tanner to accept the appeal and reduce the penalty, motion carried.

Brian J. Benson

Mr. Hayden presented this appeal to the Commission. Mr. Holeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Manley to accept the appeal and reduce the penalty, motion carried.

C2009-087 State Ethics Commission vs. William S. Tarlton

This appeal was continued to January.

C2009-105 State Ethics Commission vs. The Owl's Nest Recovery House

This appeal was continued to January.

Frank G. Glover

This appeal was continued to January.

A motion was made by Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Manley to go into Executive Session, motion carried.

MOTION TO ENJOIN

C2010-020 State Ethics Commission vs. Governor Mark Sanford

Mrs. Hazelwood informed the Commission that this appeal will be continued to the January meeting, if needed.

A motion was made by Mr. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Holeman, to return to Open Session, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Burnett to adopt and ratify actions taken in Executive Session, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Holeman, seconded by Mr. Burnett to adjourn, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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