

MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING
OPEN SESSION

January 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Mrs. Susan P. McWilliams at 9:40 a.m. Other members present were Vice Chairman, Mr. Marvin D. Infinger, Mr. Edward E. Duryea, Mrs. E. Kay Biermann-Brohl, Mr. Philip Florence, Jr., Mr. G. Carlton Manley and Mr. J. B. Holeman.

Also present:

Mr. Herbert R. Hayden, Jr., Executive Director
Ms. Cathy L. Hazelwood, Assistant Director/General Counsel
Mr. Donald M. Lundgren, Investigator
Mr. Dan F. Choate, Investigator
Ms. Regina A. Washington
Ms. Kristin M. Smith
Mr. Todd Carroll
Mrs. Martina Hardwick
Mr. L. Morgan Martin
Mrs. Linda Robinson
Mr. Henry Robinson
Mr. Christian Stegmaier
Mr. Donnie Burris

Mrs. McWilliams called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

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

OFFICE OPERATIONS

COMPLIANCE REPORTS

Mr. Hayden presented the compliance reports for November and December as information only.

BUDGET FY 08/09 and FY09/10

Mr. Hayden presented the budget report as information only.

ADVISORY OPINION

AO2009-004 Conflict of Interest

Mrs. Hazelwood presented this opinion to the Commission. Mr. Duryea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Holeman to accept this advisory opinion, motion carried.

APPEALS

C2007-064 and C2006-071 State Ethics Commission vs. Martina Hardwick

Mr. Morgan Martin and Mrs. Hardwick presented the appeal to the Commission. Mr. Holeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duryea to accept the appeal and reduce the penalty, motion carried.

C2009-040 State Ethics Commission vs. Henry Robinson

Mr. Duryea recused himself and left the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson presented the appeal to the Commission. Mr. Infinger made a motion seconded by Mr. Holeman to accept the appeal, reduce the penalty and refund a portion of the penalty taken by set-off debt, motion carried.

C2009-037 State Ethics Commission vs. Donnie Burris

Mr. Burris presented the appeal to the Commission. Mrs. Brohl made a motion seconded by Mr. Holeman to accept the appeal and reduce the penalty, motion carried.

C2009-040 State Ethics Commission vs. Henry Robinson (revisited)

Mr. Duryea recused himself and left the meeting. Mr. Holeman made a motion seconded by Mr. Infinger to revisit this appeal. Mr. Manley made a motion seconded by Mr. Holeman to amended the prior decision and refund a greater portion of the penalty taken by set-off debt, motion carried.

C2009-038 State Ethics Commission vs. James C. Holliday, Jr

This appeal was continued until the March meeting.

C2009-003 State Ethics Commission vs. Alphonso Bradley

This appeal was continued until the March meeting.

SC GENERAL ASSEMBLY BILLS

Mr. Hayden presented the Bills to the Commission as information only.

NEWS ARTICLES

Mr. Hayden presented the news articles as information only.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Holeman to go into Executive Session, motion carried.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Regina A. Washington
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