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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Commission Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2022 | 3:00PM-5:00PM

Virtually Via Zoom

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lang. The roll was called; the following Commissioners were present:

Jeffrey Baker, Commissioner
Stuart Bluestone, Commissioner
Hon. Garrey Carruthers, Commissioner
Hon. Celia Foy Castillo, Commissioner
Ronald Solimon, Commissioner
Judy Villanueva, Commissioner
Hon. William Lang, Chair

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Lang sought a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Carruthers moved to approve the agenda; Commissioner Villanueva seconded. Hearing no discussion, Chair Lang conducted a roll-call vote. All Commissioners voted in the affirmative and approved the agenda unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF APRIL 1, 2022 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Chair Lang sought a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2022 Commission meeting. Commissioner Baker moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Villanueva seconded. Hearing no discussion, Chair Lang conducted a roll-call vote. All Commissioners voted in the affirmative and approved the minutes unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF FY23 OPERATING BUDGET

Director Farris provided an update on the Commission's FY23 Operating Budget and asked the Commission to ratify the same.

Chair Lang sought a motion to approve the FY23 Operating Budget as drafted Commission meeting. Commissioner Carruthers moved to approve the budget; Commissioner Solimon seconded. After a discussion to clarify elements of the operating budget, Chair Lang conducted a roll-call vote. All Commissioners voted in the affirmative and approved the budget unanimously.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Lang sought a motion to enter executive session under NMSA 1978, §§ 10-15-1(H)(3) (administrative adjudicatory proceedings) and 10-15-1(H)(7) (attorney-client privilege pertaining to litigation). Commissioner Carruthers moved to enter executive session; Commissioner Baker seconded. Hearing no discussion, Chair Lang conducted a roll-call vote. All Commissioners voted in the affirmative and entered executive session.

---BEGINNING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION---

The following matters were discussed in executive session:

- Discussions regarding potential civil claims to enforce provisions of the Campaign Reporting Act
- Discussions regarding administrative complaints:
 - *Whitlock v. Dow*, No. 2020-031

The matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited to those specified in the motion to enter executive session. After concluding its discussion of these matters, the Commission resumed public session upon an appropriate motion.

---END OF EXECUTIVE SESSION---

5. ACTIONS ON ADMINISTRATIVE CASES

Director Farris asked the Commission for the following motion(s) on the following administrative case(s):

- **In administrative case 2020-031, *Whitlock v. Dow*, a motion to authorize staff to petition Judge Martin to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses, if necessary, in the event of a hearing.**

Commissioner Carruthers moved as stated above; Commissioner Baker seconded as stated above. Chair Lang conducted a roll-call vote. All Commissioners voted in the affirmative and approved the motion.

6. REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION

Commissioner Carruthers and Chair Lang requested an advisory opinion that addresses the following question:

“Under what circumstances is a contribution to a candidate by a limited liability corporation, partnership, corporation, or other business entity attributable to an individual under Section 1-19-34.7(D) of the Campaign Reporting Act.”

7. SELECTION OF NEXT MEETING

Chair Lang confirmed that the next meeting would take place on June 10, 2022 and would still be virtual.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No public comments were offered.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lang raised adjournment of the meeting. With no objections made, the meeting was adjourned.

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