

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE RHODE ISLAND ETHICS COMMISSION
REGULATION SUBCOMMITTEE B**

April 4, 2006

The Rhode Island Ethics Commission Regulation Subcommittee B held its 4th meeting following the conclusion of the regularly scheduled full Ethics Commission meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at the Rhode Island Ethics Commission conference room, located on the 8th floor of 40 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the notice published at the Commission Headquarters and at the State House Library.

The following subcommittee members were present:

Barbara Binder, Vice Chair Richard E. Kirby

George E. Weavill, Jr., Secretary James C. Segovis

Also present were Senior Staff Attorney Katherine D'Arezzo and Staff Attorney Macall Robertson. Chair Lynch attended part of the meeting.

At approximately 11:20 a.m., Vice Chair Binder opened the meeting.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Weavill, duly seconded by

**Commissioner
Segovis, it was**

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Open Session meeting of the Ethics Commission Regulation Subcommittee B held on March 7, 2006.

AYES: Barbara Binder, George E. Weavill, Jr., and James C. Segovis.

ABSTENTION: Richard E. Kirby.

The Commissioners discussed applying all of the revolving door provisions to municipalities, in particular sections 5(n) and 5(o). With regard to applying section 5(n), Senior Staff Attorney D'Arezzo pointed out that school committee members are municipal elected officials. Commissioner Kirby informed the Staff of a recent Rhode Island Supreme Court case regarding a school committee. Commissioner Weavill noted that school committee members in Rhode Island are both elected and appointed and that school departments do not have an arms-length relationship with their municipalities. Chair Lynch stated that a blanket prohibition on seeking municipal employment for one year should apply to school committee members, as they have a lot of interaction with the town. By consensus, the Commissioners directed the Staff to draft regulations applying section 5(n) and 5(o) to municipalities, including school committee members, and identify any other area of the Code

where municipal officials are not presently covered.

The Commissioners next discussed amending section 5(e). The Commissioners considered whether individuals with certain positions in the Governor's Office should be prohibited from appearing before other executive branch agencies within one year of terminating their employment with the Governor's Office. After discussion, by consensus, the Commissioners directed the Staff to draft regulations prohibiting employees of the Governor's Office with control over matters involving budget, communications, legal, legislation, or policy from appearing before the entire executive branch for a period of one year after terminating their position. By consensus, the Commissioners directed the Staff to draft regulations regarding this prohibition and regarding expanding section 5(e)'s prohibitions to include boards whose members an official participates in appointing. The Commission directed the Staff to provide all draft regulations to the Subcommittee by its next meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2006.

By consensus, the subcommittee meeting adjourned at approximately 11:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Macall S. Robertson

Staff Attorney