

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

January 10, 2006

The Rhode Island Ethics Commission Regulation Subcommittee A held its 1st meeting following a regularly scheduled full Ethics Commission meeting on January 10, 2006 at the Rhode Island Ethics Commission library located on the eighth floor of 40 Fountain Street, Providence, RI., pursuant to notices published at the Commission Headquarters and at the State House Library.

The following members were present: James Lynch, Sr., Chair and Ross Cheit.

Also present was Commission staff attorney Jason Gramitt. Commission Executive Director Kent A. Willever was present for the beginning of the meeting.

The subcommittee confirmed that it would study the nepotism provisions of the Code of Ethics and consider whether amendment was appropriate. Specifically, the subcommittee will study whether the Code should be amended to more specifically address issues such as the hiring of family members, and situations in which family members are within the same chain of command in a particular

agency.

The Commission staff was tasked with researching past Commission opinions concerning these issues, and with surveying certain other jurisdictions' nepotism rules. The results of this research should be made available to the subcommittee members in advance of the next meeting.

The subcommittee agreed to meet again following the next scheduled Commission meeting on January 24, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Gramitt, Staff Attorney