

**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Rhode Island Ethics  
Commission Regulation Subcommittee  
January 25, 2011**

**The Rhode Island Ethics Commission Regulation Subcommittee held its 1st meeting of 2011 following a regularly scheduled full Ethics Commission meeting on January 25, 2011 at the Rhode Island Ethics Commission hearing room 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:**

**Deborah M. Cerullo SSND, Chair**

**Edward A. Magro**

**J. William W. Harsch**

**Also present was Commission Staff Attorney Jason Gramitt.**

**Commissioner Cerullo called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. and called for the election of Subcommittee Chair. Upon the motion of Commissioner Harsch and seconded by Commissioner Magro, with Commissioner Cerullo abstaining, it was voted unanimously to elect Commissioner Cerullo as Chair.**

**Chair Cerullo suggested that they pick up where the full Ethics**

**Commission left off as to this issue. There was discussion among the members concerning the scope of the issue, and how broadly to draft any proposed regulations.**

**The subcommittee directed the Staff to draft some proposed language amending the definition of "business associate," both in a narrow way addressing the Diane Nobles advisory opinion issue, and in a more broad way impacting similarly situated organizations. Chair Cerullo also asked the Staff to consider whether the Commission should also regulate or define the relationship between individuals and umbrella groups to which the individuals do not belong directly.**

**Commissioner Harsch left at 1:00 p.m. Upon a motion made by Chair Cerullo and seconded by Commissioner Magro, it was unanimously:**

**VOTED: To adjourn the subcommittee meeting**

**Whereupon the workshop adjourned at 1:10 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jason Gramitt  
Staff Attorney**