

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

TENTATIVE AGENDA

13th Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, July 24, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Rhode Island Ethics Commission

Hearing Room - 8th Floor

40 Fountain Street

Providence, RI 02903

1. Motion to approve minutes of Open Session held on June 19, 2007.

2. Advisory Opinions.

a.) Stephen Olsen, Director of the University of Rhode Island Coastal

Resources Center, requests an advisory opinion regarding the Center's ability to accept a proposed donation from the O'Neill Properties Group to partially fund the development and implementation of the Aquidneck Island Special Area Management Plan, in which O'Neill has a financial interest.

b.) Colonel David E. Desjarlais, Chief of Police for the Town of East Greenwich, seeks an advisory opinion regarding whether his son may be hired as a community service officer for the Town, given that community service officers are hired, assigned and supervised by the petitioner's subordinates in the police department.

c.) David Medeiros, an East Providence School Committee member, requests an advisory opinion regarding his participation in the East Providence School Department budget given that members of his family are employed by the School Department as bus monitors.

d.) Lorraine C. Iafrate, a Johnston School Committee member, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics permits her participation in contract negotiations between the School Committee and the teachers' union, and in the School Committee's decision-making to approve or reject that contract, given that the petitioner has a family member who is a Johnston teacher and a member of the teachers' union.

e.) Janice D. Mele, Chair of the Johnston School Committee, requests

an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics permits her participation in contract negotiations between the School Committee and the teachers' union, and in the School Committee's decision-making to approve or reject that contract, given that the petitioner has family members who are employed by the School District and are members of the teachers' union.

f.) Carmen Mirabal, a Program Coordinator for Rhode Island Housing, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether her continued state employment prevents her, under the Code of Ethics, from running for a position on the City Council of the City of Central Falls.

g.) Beverly O'Keefe, a Supervising Planner for the Rhode Island Water Resources Board, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether she may, on her own time and in her private capacity, engage in the sale of recycled food barrels and retrofitted rain barrels.

3. Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(4), to wit:

a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on June 19, 2007.

b.) Motion to return to Open Session.

4. Director's Report.

5. New Business.

6. Adjournment.

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