

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1st Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, January 13, 2009

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 December 16, 2008.

2. Advisory Opinions.

A. Charles A. Collins, Jr., a member of the Scituate Town Council,

requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics places any limitations upon him in carrying out his duties as a Town Council member, given his association with S & C Collins Bus Company, Inc.

B. Harriet Powell, a member of the North Kingstown Planning Commission, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether she must recuse in matters in which the Planning Commission makes recommendations to the Town Council, given that her daughter is a new Town Council member.

C. Michelle Cole, a member of the Chariho School Committee, requests an advisory opinion as to whether she is prohibited from participating in the School Committee's review of the current teachers' contract, given that her sister-in-law is a substitute teacher in the Chariho school system.

D. Dwight T. Farrar, a member of the Scituate Town Council, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics restricts his participation in Town Council and Budget Committee hearings and meetings relative to the school and/or town budget, given that his spouse is employed as a teacher in the Scituate school system.

3. Amended Advisory Opinion.

A. Robert LaFazia, a Johnston School Committee member, who is the

owner and operator of La Fazia Auto Body & Auto Sales Company, Inc., requests an advisory opinion as to whether his business may perform auto body repair on municipal vehicles and may be appointed to the town towing list.

4. Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4), to wit:

a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on December 16, 2008.

**b.) In re: Susan D. Menard,
Complaint No. 2008-1**

**c.) In re: Brian R. Remy,
Complaint No. 2008-7**

d.) William V. Irons v. Rhode Island Ethics Commission, Superior Court C.A. No. 07-6666

**e.) Charles Mauti v. John Scuncio, et al.,
U.S. District Court C.A. No. 08-54S**

**f.) Jason E. Ferrell v. Frank Caprio, Jr., et al.,
U.S. District Court C.A. No.08-378S**

g.) Motion to return to Open Session.

**5. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on
January 13, 2009.**

6. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.

7. Discussion of Complainant's Role in the Complaint Process.

8. Director's Report.

9. New Business.

10. Adjournment.

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