

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

Posted September 16, 2009

AGENDA

13th Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, September 22, 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 August 18, 2009.

2. Advisory Opinions.

A. Robert J. Reilly, a firefighter employed by the City of Providence Fire Department, who serves in the Department's Arson Unit as a Fire

Investigator, requests an advisory opinion as to whether, in his private capacity as a licensed attorney, he may represent clients before the Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Review and Appeal and the offices of municipal fire marshals outside of the City of Providence.

B. Chief Joseph Baris, Jr., Chief of the West Warwick Fire Department, a municipal appointed position, requests an advisory opinion as to what limitations the Code of Ethics places upon him in his capacity as Chief given that his son-in-law is a candidate for a firefighter position within the same department.

C. Judge Steven J. Hart, the newly appointed Probate Court Judge for the Town of Coventry, requests an advisory opinion concerning whether he may, in his private capacity as an attorney, represent individuals and estates before the Coventry Probate Court.

D. Jean A. Boulanger, Esq., the former Probate Court Judge for the Town of Coventry, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether he may represent clients or otherwise appear before the Coventry Probate Court prior to one year from his termination from service as a Probate Court Judge.

E. Mayor Susan D. Menard, the Mayor of the City of Woonsocket, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether she may purchase a used automobile that had formerly been leased by the City for her

official use.

3. 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 August 18, 2009.

b.) Notification of initiation of Preliminary Investigation pursuant to Commission Regulation 36-14-12001.

**c.) In re: Kevin Carter,
Complaint No. 2009-2**

d.) Motion to return to Open Session.

4. Motion to seal minutes of the Executive Session held on September 22, 2009.

5. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.

6. General Commission Advisory Opinions (GCAs):

a.) Withdrawal of Amended GCA 6 (Salary Raises for Public Officials).

b.) Public Comment on & Commission adoption of proposed GCA 2009-2: Public Officials' Actions Involving their own Stipends, Salaries, Compensation or Benefits.

c.) Commission review and consideration of proposed GCA No. 2009-3: Participation in Union Actions by Public Officials who are Union Members.

7. Commission discussion re: Class exception.

8. Director's Report:

a.) Docket status update.

b.) Education Program.

c.) Projected furlough days.

11. New Business proposed for future Commission agendas.

12. Adjournment.

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