

# **NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING**

## **AGENDA**

### **20th Meeting**

**DATE: Tuesday, November 23, 2010**

**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 November 9, 2010.**

**2. Advisory Opinions:**

**a.) Wallace Gernt, a member of the Rhode Island Health Services Council, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether his**

**membership on the Health Services Council conflicts with his private consulting work for the Thomas C. Slater Compassion Center, Inc. (TCS), given that TCS is applying to the Department of Health for registration as a Medical Marijuana Compassion Center.**

**b.) Vincent F. Ragosta, Jr., a member of the East Greenwich Personnel Board, requests an advisory opinion regarding his ability, as a private attorney, to represent the Town of East Greenwich in disciplinary proceedings against a Town police officer.**

**c.) Gary P. Cote, Chairman of the Coventry Fire District Board of Directors, who is also a member-elect of the Coventry Town Council, requests an advisory opinion as to whether the Code of Ethics places any restrictions upon his ability to serve as both an elected member of the Town Council and an elected member of the Coventry Fire District Board of Directors.**

**d.) Samuel D. Zurier, Esq., a member-elect of the Providence City Council, requests an advisory opinion as to whether, upon taking office, the Code of Ethics would permit his continued representation of the Providence Water Supply Board in pending litigation.**

**e.) Robert Coulter, a Tiverton Town Council member, requests an advisory opinion regarding his ability to take part in Town Council discussions and voting relative to litigation, taxation and personnel issues, given his prior involvement in tax appeals and litigation**

**against the Town and certain of its officials.**

**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 November 9, 2010.**

**b.) Status Update:**

**Joseph S. Larisa, Jr. v. Rhode Island Ethics Commission,  
Supreme Court No. 10-280-M.P.**

**c.) Motion to return to Open Session.**

**4. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on November 23, 2010.**

**5. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.**

**6. Commission Discussion re: Probable Cause.**

**7. Commission Discussion re: Treatment of Members of Umbrella Unions/Professional Organizations.**

**8. Review and approval of tentative 2011 Commission meeting schedule.**

**9. Director's Report.**

**a.) Docket Status Update.**

**10. New Business proposed for future Commission agendas and general comments from the Commission.**

**11. Adjournment.**

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