

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

AGENDA

4th Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, February 22, 2011

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 February 8, 2011.

2. Advisory Opinions:

a.) Andrea M. Iannizzi, Esq., a Staff Attorney in the Office of the Court Appointed Special Advocate at the Rhode Island Family Court, seeks

an advisory opinion as to whether the Code of Ethics prohibits her from working, in her private capacity, as a paid, private consultant to a political campaign.

b.) John T. Gannon, the Director of Administration for the City of Pawtucket, seeks an advisory opinion regarding whether his step-daughter may be appointed by the Mayor to the position of Executive Administrative Assistant, given that the Petitioner's responsibilities would place him in a supervisory position over his family member.

c.) Paul Gonsalves, a Senior Planner at the Rhode Island Department of Administration Division of Planning, seeks an advisory opinion as to whether the Code of Ethics prohibits him from working, in his private capacity, as a realtor and/or as a sales consultant for an energy services company.

d.) Gina M. Raimondo, the General Treasurer of the State of Rhode Island, requests an advisory opinion concerning whether she has taken sufficient steps to avoid conflicts of interest under the Code of Ethics relative to her ties to a venture capital fund in which the State has made an investment.

e.) Cynthia A. Joyce, a member of the Foster-Glocester Regional School Committee, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits her participation in contract negotiations

between the Foster-Glocester Regional School Committee and the Foster-Glocester Teacher's Union, given that her husband is a member of the Teachers' Union.

f.) Patrick Kelley, member of the Newport School Committee, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits his participation in contract negotiations between the Newport School Department and the Teachers' Association of Newport, given that his spouse's brother's spouse is a nurse in the School Department, a position that is covered by the collective bargaining agreement with the Teachers' Association.

g.) Christopher W. Stanley, a member of the Warren Town Council, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits him from participating in: 1) matters relating to the reappointment of John M. Jannitto to the Bristol County Water Authority, given that he and Mr. Jannitto are both volunteer members of the Central Fire Company; and 2) discussions and voting on line items in the Warren budget that relate to the Warren Fire Department, given that he is a member of Central Fire Company.

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 February 8, 2011.

b.) In re: John Winfield, Jr.

Complaint No. 2010-6

c.) In re: Bradford G. Marthens,

Complaint No. 2010-7

d.) Motion to return to Open Session.

4. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on February 22, 2011.

5. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.

6. Staff Report and Commission Discussion re: The awarding of public contracts that do not adhere to an open and public bidding process.

7. Legislative Update.

8. Director's Report.

a.) Docket Status Update.

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

10. Adjournment.

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