

# **NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING**

## **AGENDA**

### **5th Meeting**

**DATE: Tuesday, March 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 March 8, 2011.**

**2. Advisory Opinions:**

**a.) Patrick Kelley, a 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.**

**b.) Denise L. Stetson, the Richmond Town Planner, requests an advisory opinion as to whether she may appear before the Richmond Planning Board and the Richmond Town Council in order to subdivide the property surrounding her personal residence.**

**c.) Jared R. Nunes, a member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, who in his private capacity is an employee, officer and part-owner of R.T. Nunes & Sons, Inc., requests an advisory opinion regarding whether R.T. Nunes & Sons, Inc. can bid on projects advertised by the State of Rhode Island, Department of Transportation.**

**d.) Donald R. Grebien, the Mayor of the City of Pawtucket, requests an advisory opinion regarding what appropriate measures he must take in order to avoid conflicts of interest arising from the fact that his uncle-in-law is a City employee, currently serving as Fiscal Director of the Department of Planning and Redevelopment.**

**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 March 8, 2011.
  
  - b.) In re: Maria Vallee,  
Complaint No. 2010-9
  
  - c.) In re: Joseph S. Larisa, Jr.,  
Complaint No. 2010-12
  
  - d.) Motion to return to Open Session.
4. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on March 22, 2011.
  
  5. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.
  
  6. Legislative Update.
  
  7. Staff Report and Commission Discussion re: Cheating on examinations administered by public entities.
  
  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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