

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

AGENDA

16th Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, November 8, 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 October 18, 2011.

2. Advisory Opinions:

a.) John A. Walsh, Ph.D., a member of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education, a state appointed position, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether he may participate in the

Board of Governors' discussion and voting relating to ongoing contract negotiations and approvals of collective bargaining agreements with local bargaining units of the National Education Association of Rhode Island (“NEARI”), given that he is an employee of NEARI.

3. Motion to go into Executive Session, to wit:

a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on October 18, 2011, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4) .

b.) In re: Frank Hyde, Complaint No. NF2011-2, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

c.) In re: Brian G. Coogan, Complaint No. NF2011-8, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

d.) In re: Colette J. Matarese, Complaint No. NF2011-9, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

e.) In re: Alisa Trainor Fleet, Complaint No. NF2011-10, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

f.) In re: Paul H. Martin, Complaint No. NF2011-17, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

g.) In re: Nina Pande, Complaint No. NF2011-20, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

h.) Motion to return to Open Session.

4. Motion to seal minutes of November 8, 2011 Executive Session.

5. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.

6. Staff Introduction of Proposed Amendment to Commission Regulation 5002 -- Additional Circumstances Warranting Recusal (Initial Review).

7. Receipt of correspondence concerning reconsideration of A.O. 2009-31.

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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