

# **NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING**

## **AGENDA**

### **1st Meeting**

**DATE: Tuesday, January 10, 2012**

**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 December 13, 2011.**

**2. Advisory Opinions:**

**a.) Jane B. Sherman, a member of the Rhode Island Transportation Advisory Committee ("TAC"), a state appointed position, who is also a member of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher**

**Education (RIBGHE), a state appointed position, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether, in her capacity as a member of the TAC, she may participate in discussions and voting involving institutions under the jurisdiction of the RIBGHE.**

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

**a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on December 13, 2011, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).**

**b.) In re: Frank Sylvester, Complaint No. 2011-2, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).**

**c.) Joseph S. Larisa, Jr. v. Rhode Island Ethics Commission et al., C.A. No. PC11-6938.**

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

**4. Motion to seal minutes of January 10, 2012 Executive Session.**

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

**6. Public Hearing on, and motion to adopt, proposed regulatory amendments pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 36-14-9 and 42-35-3:**

**a.) Regulation 36-14-5009 -- Gifts.**

**b.) Regulation 36-14-5002 -- Additional circumstances warranting recusal.**

**7. Project Status Report: Online Filing of Financial Disclosure Statements.**

**8. Director's Report:**

**a.) Docket Status Update.**

**b.) Tentative 2012 Commission Schedule.**

**c.) Electronic transmission of meeting packets to Commissioners.**

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

**10. Adjournment.**

**ANYONE WISHING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING WHO MAY HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS FOR ACCESS OR SERVICES SUCH AS A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER, PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMISSION BY TELEPHONE AT 222-3790, 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING.**

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