

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

AGENDA

4th Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, March 20, 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 March 6, 2012.

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

a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on March 6, 2012, 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.) Discussion re status of pending litigation: Joseph S. Larisa, Jr. v. Rhode Island Ethics Commission et al., C.A. No. PC11-6938, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2).

d.) Motion to return to Open Session.

3. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on March 20, 2012.

4. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.

5. Advisory Opinions:

a.) Amy R. Tabor, Esq., a part-time teacher at the University of Rhode Island, a state employee position, who in her private capacity is also a practicing attorney, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether she may represent children with disabilities who attend the Henry Barnard Laboratory School, a department of Rhode Island College, in connection with their right to be provided with reasonable accommodations for their disabilities pursuant to state and federal laws.

b.) Peter D. Ruggiero, Esq., the Town Solicitor for the Town of Charlestown, on behalf of the Charlestown Town Council, a municipal elected body, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether and

how the Town Council may consider and vote on matters pertaining to a lawsuit against the Town of Charlestown and certain individuals, given that three (3) of the five (5) members of the Town Council are parties to the lawsuit.

6. Adjudications:

a.) In re: Frank Hyde, Complaint No. NF2011-2.

b.) In re: Colette J. Matarese, Complaint No. NF2011-9.

7. Financial Disclosure – Online Filing Preview.

8. Legislative Update.

9. Director's Report:

a.) Docket Status Update.

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

11. Adjournment.

ANYONE WISHING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING WHO MAY HAVE

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