

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

AGENDA

5th Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, April 23, 2013

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Rhode Island Ethics Commission

Hearing Room - 8th Floor

40 Fountain Street

Providence, RI 02903

1. Introduction of and Administration of Oath of Office to new Commissioner Robert A. Salk, DO.

2. Motion to approve minutes of Open Session held on March 19, 2013.

3. Advisory Opinions:

a.) The Retirement Board of the Employees' Retirement System of the

State of Rhode Island has requested an advisory opinion concerning the ability of certain individual members to participate in discussions and decision-making, or to receive confidential information, regarding lawsuits against the Retirement Board and other state officials that are pending in the Rhode Island Superior Court.

b.) James S. Bennett, the Director of Economic Development for the City of Providence, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits the City from paying for his travel expenses relative to the economic development of the Port of Providence with funds donated to the City by ProvPort, the non-profit corporation that operates the Port of Providence.

c.) Anthony L. Santilli, Jr., the Building and Zoning Official for the Town of Narragansett, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits him from applying for a variance and a special use permit from the Narragansett Zoning Board of Review.

4. Discussion re: Statute of Limitations on ethics violations and consideration of preliminary language regarding potential regulatory proposal to adopt a limitations period.

5. Director's Report:

a.) Docket Status Update.

6. Adjudication:

**a.) In re: Gordon Rogers,
Complaint No. 2012-1.**

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

a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on March 19, 2013, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

b.) In re: Tina Jackson, Complaint No. 2013-4, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

c.) Motion to return to Open Session.

8. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on April 23, 2013.

9. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.

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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