

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

AGENDA

8th Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, June 3, 2014

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 May 13, 2014.

2. Advisory Opinions:

a.) W. Douglas Gilpin, Jr. FAIA, a member of the Town of New Shoreham Historic District Commission, who in his private capacity is an architect, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether he qualifies for a hardship exception to the Code of Ethics' prohibition

on appearing before his own board to help his client obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness.

b.) Carmen Castillo, a member of the Providence City Council, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits her participation and vote in the consideration of a proposed ordinance which would increase the minimum wage for Providence hotel employees, given that she is an employee of the Omni Providence Hotel.

c.) Peter O'Rourke, a senior environmental scientist at the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits him from applying for a permit from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for a property that he co-owns.

d.) Lisa A. DiBello, a member of the Town Council of the Town of Charleston, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether she may accept private employment as a hot dog cart operator from an individual with whom the Town has entered into a food concession contract at the Town Beach.

3. Legislative Update: Review and discussion of pending legislation, and of the Ethics Commission's position on same, including:

a.) Status of Senate Resolution 2824, including possible introduction

of a SubA amendment at a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 29, 2014.

b.) Status of Senate Bill 2585 SubA (Quasi-Public Corporation Accountability and Transparency Act), considered by Senate Government Oversight Committee on May 28, 2014.

4. Director's Report:

a.) Docket Status Update.

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

a.) In re: William Reichert, Complaint No. 2014-1, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

b.) Motion to return to Open Session.

6. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on June 3, 2014.

7. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.

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

9. Adjournment.

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