

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

AGENDA

1st Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, January 13, 2015

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 November 18, 2014.

2. Advisory Opinions:

a.) James A. Briden, Esq., a former member of the East Providence City Council, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits him and other members of his law firm from representing clients before the East Providence Probate Court and the East Providence Municipal Court within one-year from the date of

his official severance from the City Council.

b.) Michael W. Carroll, Esq., a member of the Barrington Town Council, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits him from participating in the Town Council's review of its contract with the East Bay Rowing Club, given that he pays a fee for his dependent son to be on the East Bay Rowing Club team.

c.) Dean G. Robinson, Esq., the recently appointed Deputy Probate Judge for the City of East Providence, who is also an attorney in private practice, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether, in order to avoid a hardship to preexisting clients, he may file Affidavits of Complete Administration with the East Providence Probate Court to close two estates.

d.) Virginia Lee, a member of the Charlestown Town Council, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits her from participating in Town Council discussions and decision making relative to ground water pollution, including as a member of the Town Council's Working Group on Potable Water and as the Town Council's liaison to the Town's Wastewater Management Commission, given that her house is located in a section of Town where there are specific concerns relating to water quality and wastewater disposal.

3. Director's Report:

a.) Docket Status Update.

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

a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on November 18, 2014, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

b.) In re: Stephen Tetzner, Complaint No. 2014-15, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

c.) In re: Christopher Beauchamp, Complaint No. 2014-10, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

d.) In re: Peter Palumbo, Complaint No. 2014-6, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

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

f.) In re: Denise L. Rhodes, Complaint No. 2014-20, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

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

h.) In re: Bonita Van Slyke, Complaint No. 2014-21, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

i.) Motion to return to Open Session.

6. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on January 13, 2015.

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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