

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

AMENDED AGENDA

10th Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, August 16, 2016

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 July 19, 2016.

2. Advisory Opinions:

a.) The Honorable James C. Sheehan, a legislator serving as a member of the Rhode Island Senate, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether he may accept a stipend from the American Federation of Teachers to help cover his expenses as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

b.) William C. Perry, a Lieutenant in the East Greenwich Fire Department, requests an advisory opinion regarding the application of the Code of Ethics to the Fire Department's proposed hiring of the Petitioner's brother as a Probationary Firefighter.

c.) Kristine S. Trocki, a member of the Jamestown Town Council, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether she may participate in discussion and voting relative to a proposed ordinance that would require residential landlords in Jamestown to file an emergency contact form with the Town Clerk, given that the Petitioner owns a rental property that would be subject to the proposed ordinance.

d.) Mary Meagher, a member of the Jamestown Town Council, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether she may participate in discussion and voting relative to a proposed ordinance that would require residential landlords in Jamestown to file an emergency contact form with the Town Clerk, given that the Petitioner owns a rental property that would be subject to the proposed ordinance.

3. Report from Commission staff, and discussion, regarding financial disclosure, including: (a) Amendments filed during the recent "grace period;" (b) administration of candidate filings; and (c) filing compliance for the 2015 financial disclosure statement.

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

a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on July 19, 2016, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

b.) In re: Tia Ristaino-Siegel, Complaint No. 2016-10, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

c.) In re: Helder J. Cunha, Complaint No. 2016-11, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

d.) In re: John J. DeSimone, Complaint No. 2016-12, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

e.) Motion to return to Open Session.

5. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on August 16, 2016.

6. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.

7. Director's Report:

a.) Docket Status Update.

b.) Personnel Update.

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

9. Adjournment.

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