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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

DATE:	Tuesday, October 20, 2026
TIME:	9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	Rhode Island Ethics Commission Hearing Room – 8 th Floor 40 Fountain Street Providence, RI 02903
LIVESTREAM:	<p>The Open Session portions of this meeting will be livestreamed at:</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86550236139</p> <p>This is an in-person meeting held at the physical location listed above. Livestream access is being provided only as a convenience, but it is not an official meeting place and we do not guarantee virtual access to view or participate in the meeting. If the livestream virtual broadcast of the meeting is interrupted or cut off for any reason, the meeting will continue in person.</p>



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AGENDA

14th Meeting

1. Call to Order.
2. Motion to approve minutes of Open Session held on September 29, 2026.
3. Director's Report: Status report and updates regarding:
 - a.) Complaints and investigations pending;
 - b.) Advisory opinions pending;
 - c.) Access to Public Records Act requests since last meeting;
 - d.) Financial disclosure; and
 - e.) General office administration;
4. Advisory Opinions:
 - a.) Shannon Massaroco, a former member of the board of trustees of Sheila C. "Skip" Nowell Academy, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits her from accepting employment with the academy as its director of Health and Wellness, given her former position on its board of trustees. [Staff Attorney Popova Papa]
 - b.) Dennis Greenless, a fire safety technician with the Rhode Island Department of Corrections, who was formerly employed by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and who, in his private capacity, is the sole owner and operator of a recently established fire safety consulting company, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether he may simultaneously operate his private business while employed with the Department of Corrections and what restrictions, if any, the Code of Ethics places upon him given his current employment with the Department of Corrections and his past employment with the State Fire Marshal's Office. [Staff Attorney Popova Papa]

- c.) Marius Tarau, MD, the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Rhode Island, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether, consistent with the Code of Ethics, he may operate a private consulting practice involving cases with no connection to the State of Rhode Island. [Senior Staff Attorney D'Arezzo]
5. Motion to go into Executive Session, to wit:
- a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on September 29, 2026, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a), (2), & (4).
 - b.) In re: Larome Myrick, Complaint No. 2026-5, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) & (4).
 - c.) Litigation update re: K. Joseph Shekarchi vs. Rhode Island Ethics Commission, Superior Court C.A. No. PC-2026-03423, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2).
 - d.) Motion to return to Open Session.
6. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on October 20, 2026.
7. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.
8. New Business proposed for future Commission agendas and general comments from the Commission.
9. Motion to adjourn.

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Posted on October 15, 2026