NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

AGENDA

8th Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, June 28, 2022
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Rhode Island Ethics Commission
       Hearing Room - 8th Floor
       40 Fountain Street
       Providence, RI 02903

1. Call to Order.

2. Motion to approve minutes of Open Session held on June 7, 2022.

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.) 2021 Financial Disclosure;
   e.) Ethics Administration/Office and Education Updates; and
   f.) Legislative Update.

4. Advisory Opinions.
   a.) Ernest Almonte, former Chief of Staff to the Lieutenant Governor of the State of
       Rhode Island and former Interim Chief Financial Officer for the Rhode Island
       Department of Health, requests an advisory opinion seeking guidance on the
       application of the revolving door provisions of the Code of Ethics relative to his
       ability to represent the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, a private non-
       profit organization for which he is the Executive Director, before the Rhode
b.) Diane Harrison, a member of the Jamestown Planning Commission, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits her from participating in Planning Commission discussions and voting relative to a proposed plan to develop affordable housing units in the Town of Jamestown, given that authorized representatives of the Conanicut Island Land Trust, a private organization for which the Petitioner previously performed paid work but currently provides volunteer services, are expected to provide comment on the proposed plan during public hearings of the Planning Commission. [Staff Attorney Radiches]

5. Motion to go into Executive Session, to wit:
   a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on June 7, 2022, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) & (4).
   d.) Motion to return to Open Session.

6. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on June 28, 2022.

7. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.

8. Annual discussion and potential vote re: Legal Counsel’s contract.


10. Motion to adjourn.

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