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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

AGENDA

10th Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, July 1, 2025

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Rhode Island Ethics Commission

Hearing Room - 8th Floor

40 Fountain Street Providence, RI 02903

LIVESTREAM: The Open Session portions of this meeting will be livestreamed at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83216309614

1. Call to Order.

- 2. Motion to approve minutes of Open Session held on June 10, 2025.
- 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.) Thomas J. Cronin, Esq., who was recently nominated to become the Town

- of Coventry's Municipal Court Judge, and who is an attorney in private practice, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether, upon his appointment to the position, he would be prohibited by the Code of Ethics from representing clients before the Coventry Town Council, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Probate Court. [Staff Attorney Papa]
- b.) Robert Runge, the grants administrator and unhoused coordinator for the City of Pawtucket, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether he is prohibited by the Code of Ethics from accepting an appointment to the board of directors of the Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center, a private domestic violence center, given that the center applies for and receives Emergency Solutions Grants funding from the City of Pawtucket. [Staff Attorney Papa]
- c.) Dylan Chase, the superintendent of the New Shoreham Water Pollution Control Facility, who in his private capacity owns and operates Block Island Septic Services, LLC, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether he is prohibited by the Code of Ethics from providing services in his private capacity to customers within the town's sewer district, given that there are few qualified technicians available to accommodate the needs of those customers. [Staff Attorney Radiches]
- d.) Priscilla Glucksman, the administrator of the Office of Child Support Services, a division of the Department of Human Services, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the proposed alternate chain of command policy will sufficiently insulate her from potential conflicts of interest arising out of her position, given the recent hiring of the Petitioner's daughter as a child support enforcement agent in the same division.
- 5. Motion to go into Executive Session, to wit:
 - a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on June 10, 2025, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) & (4).
 - b.) <u>In re: Robert L. Lombardo</u>, Complaint No. 2025-3, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) & (4).
 - c.) Motion to return to Open Session.
- 6. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on July 1, 2025
- 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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