



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

AGENDA

6th Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, May 17, 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 April 26, 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.) The Honorable Anastasia Williams, a legislator serving as a member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits her from participating in General Assembly discussions and decision-making that will financially impact the Black and Latino Caucus Community Partnerships, a private organization incorporated by the

Petitioner and for which the Petitioner was, until recently, the registered agent.
[Staff Attorney Radiches]

- b.) Lisa Bryer, AICP, the Town Planner for the Town of Jamestown, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether she is prohibited by the Code of Ethics from performing her Town Planner duties related to the leasing of space and the construction of a facility in Jamestown by the Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation, a local non-profit organization, given that her spouse is a member of that organization's Board of Directors and her son is one of the organization's seasonal employees. [Staff Attorney Radiches]
5. Motion to go into Executive Session, to wit:
 - a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on April 26, 2022, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) & (4).
 - b.) Notification of initiation of Preliminary Investigation No. 2022-1, 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 May 17, 2022.
 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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