Report on actions taken by the Rhode Island Ethics Commission in Executive Session held on September 20, 2022:

- 1. Unanimously voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on August 16, 2022.
- 2. In the matter of <u>In re: Richard Nassaney</u>, Complaint No. 2022-2, the Commission took the following actions:

Unanimously voted (5-0) to find that there does not exist probable cause to believe that, by voting to approve the Richmond Town Council's issuance of Outdoor Entertainment Licenses for the Washington County Fair in 2018, 2019, 2021, and 2022, the Respondent knowingly and willfully violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-5(a) & (d).

Unanimously voted (5-0) to find that there does not exist probable cause to believe that, by failing to recuse when representatives of the Washington County Fair appeared before the Richmond Town Council seeking issuance of Outdoor Entertainment Licenses in 2018, 2019, 2021, and 2022, the Respondent knowingly and willfully violated Commission Regulation 520-RICR-00-00-1.2.1 Additional Circumstances Warranting Recusal (36-14-5002).

The Complaint is dismissed with prejudice. The Commission will prepare and issue a written Decision & Order explaining the basis for its votes.

3. Unanimously voted (5-0) to return to Open Session.