

**Report on actions taken by the Rhode Island Ethics Commission  
in Executive Session held on June 27, 2023:**

1. Unanimously voted (4-0) to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on May 16, 2023. [Reporter's Note: The vote was as follows:

AYES: Marisa A. Quinn; Lauren E. Jones; Matthew D. Strauss; and Holly J. Susi.

ABSTENTION: Emma L. Peterson.

2. Unanimously voted (5-0) in the matter of **In re: Frank Brown, Jr.**, Complaint No. 2023-4, to initially determine that the Complaint states facts that, if true, are sufficient to constitute violations of the Code of Ethics and Financial Disclosure Mandate and to authorize an investigation.
3. Unanimously voted (5-0) in the matter of **In re: Denise Brown**, Complaint No. 2023-5, to initially determine that the Complaint states facts that, if true, are sufficient to constitute violations of the Code of Ethics and Financial Disclosure Mandate and to authorize an investigation.
4. Unanimously voted (6-0) in the matter of **In re: David Patten**, Complaint No. 2023-6, to initially determine that the Complaint states facts that, if true, are sufficient to constitute violations of the Code of Ethics and to authorize an investigation. [Reporter's Note: The vote was as follows:

AYES: Marisa A. Quinn; Arianne Corrente; Lauren E. Jones; Emma L. Peterson; Matthew D. Strauss; and Holly J. Susi.

5. Unanimously voted (6-0) in the matter of **In re: James E. Thorsen**, Complaint No. 2023-7, to initially determine that the Complaint states facts that, if true, are sufficient to constitute violations of the Code of Ethics and to authorize an investigation.
6. Unanimously voted (5-0) in the matter of **In re: K. Joseph Shekarchi**, Complaint No. 2023-3, to initially determine that the Complaint states facts that, if true, are sufficient to constitute violations of the Code of Ethics and to authorize an investigation. [Reporter's Note: The vote was as follows:

AYES: Marisa A. Quinn; Arianne Corrente; Emma L. Peterson; Matthew D. Strauss; and Holly J. Susi.

RECUSAL: Lauren E. Jones.

The Commission did not review or consider a Motion to Dismiss filed by the Respondent because, pursuant to 520-RICR-00-00-3.8 Initial Determination of Complaint (1003),

its review at initial determination is limited to the facts alleged within the four corners of the Complaint. The motion will be scheduled for hearing at a later date.

7. Annual discussion and review re: Legal Counsel's contract. No action was taken.
8. Unanimously voted (6-0) to return to Open Session.

With regard to all of the foregoing Complaint matters, an Initial Determination is a preliminary vote that should not be construed as an opinion regarding the truth of the facts alleged in the complaint but is merely a vote to conduct an investigation into the allegations raised.