

**Report on actions taken by the Rhode Island Ethics Commission  
in Executive Session held on April 30, 2024:**

1. Unanimously voted (6-0) to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on April 9, 2024.
2. Unanimously voted (6-0) in the matter of **In re: Michael Colasante**, Complaint No. 2023-12, to find that there does not exist probable cause to believe that the Respondent, Michael Colasante, a member of the Richmond Town Council, violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-5 (a), (d) or Commission Regulation 520-RICR-00-00-1.2.1 (A)(2) Additional Circumstances Warranting Recusal (36-14-5002) by participating and voting to approve the award of municipal paving contracts to D'Ambra Construction Company, Inc., on August 15, 2023, and October 17, 2023.

The Complaint was dismissed with prejudice. Copies of the Investigative Report will be available at the conclusion of the meeting. The Commission will prepare and issue a written Decision & Order explaining the bases of its vote.

3. Unanimously voted (6-0) in the matter of **In re: Kenneth J. Hopkins**, Complaint No. 2024-6, to initially determine that the Complaint states facts that, if true, are sufficient to constitute a violation of the Code of Ethics and to authorize an investigation.

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.

4. Unanimously voted (6-0) to return to Open Session.