

**Report on actions taken by the Rhode Island Ethics Commission  
in Executive Session held on July 23, 2024:**

1. Voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on June 25, 2024.  
[Reporter's Note: The vote was as follows:

AYES: Frank J. Cenerini; Lauren E. Jones; Scott P. Rabideau; Hugo L. Ricci, Jr.; and Holly J. Susi.

ABSTENTIONS: Marisa A. Quinn.]

2. Voted (5-0) in the matter of **In re: Kenneth J. Hopkins**, Complaint No. 2024-6, to find that probable cause does not exist to believe that the Respondent, Kenneth J. Hopkins, the Mayor of the City of Cranston, violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-5(a), (d), or 520-RICR-00-00-1.3.1 Prohibited Activities – Nepotism (36-14-5004), by participating in the appointment of his son-in-law, Jacob Shackelford, on September 10, 2021, as a firefighter to the Cranston Fire Department.  
[Reporter's Note: The vote was as follows:

AYES: Marisa A. Quinn; Frank J. Cenerini; Lauren E. Jones; Scott P. Rabideau; and Holly J. Susi.

RECUSALS: Hugo L. Ricci, Jr.]

Voted (5-0) in the matter of **In re: Kenneth J. Hopkins**, Complaint No. 2024-6, to find that probable cause does not exist to believe that the Respondent, Kenneth J. Hopkins, the Mayor of the City of Cranston, violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-5(a), (d), or 520-RICR-00-00-1.3.1 Prohibited Activities – Nepotism (36-14-5004), by participating in the promotion of his son-in-law, Jacob Shackelford, on February 16, 2024, to the position of rescue lieutenant with the Cranston Fire Department.  
[Reporter's Note: The vote was as follows:

AYES: Marisa A. Quinn; Frank J. Cenerini; Lauren E. Jones; Scott P. Rabideau; and Holly J. Susi.

RECUSALS: Hugo L. Ricci, Jr.]

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 votes.

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