

**Report on actions taken by the Rhode Island Ethics Commission
in Executive Session held on August 20, 2024:**

1. Voted (4-0) to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on July 23, 2024.
[Reporter's Note: The vote was as follows:

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

ABSTENTIONS: Emma L. Peterson and Matthew D. Strauss.]

2. Voted (4-2) to approve a proposed Informal Resolution and Settlement in the matter of **In re: Wayne Salisbury**, Complaint No. 2024-9, by which the Ethics Commission imposed a civil penalty of \$200 for violations of the Financial Disclosure mandate.
[Reporter's Note: The vote was as follows:

AYES: Lauren E. Jones; Emma L. Peterson; Matthew D. Strauss; and Holly J. Susi.

NOES: Frank J. Cenerini and Hugo L. Ricci, Jr.]

3. Voted (5-0) in the matter of **In re: Robert A. Mancini**, Complaint No. 2024-4, to find that probable cause does not exist to believe that the Respondent, Robert A. Mancini, a member of the Commerce Corporation, Access to Capital Subcommittee, violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-5(a) or (d) by voting at the Access to Capital Subcommittee's January 21, 2020 meeting to recommend the awarding of tax-exempt private activity bonds to his employer, the Washington Trust Company.
[Reporter's Note: The vote was as follows:

AYES: Lauren E. Jones; Frank J. Cenerini; Emma L. Peterson; Matthew D. Strauss; 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 vote.

4. Unanimously voted (6-0) in the matter of **In re: Joseph A. DiMartino**, Complaint No. 2024-5, to find that probable cause does not exist to believe that the Respondent, a former member of the West Warwick Planning Board, violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-5(a) and (d) by his participation in West Warwick Planning Board matters in which Nolan, Brunero, Cronin & Ferrera, Ltd., represented applicants.

Unanimously voted (6-0) in the matter of **In re: Joseph A. DiMartino**, Complaint No. 2024-5, to find that probable cause does not exist to believe that the Respondent, a former member of the West Warwick Planning Board, violated Commission Regulation 520-RICR-00-00-1.2.1 Additional Circumstances Warranting Recusal (36-14-5002) by failing to recuse when Nolan, Brunero, Cronin & Ferrera, Ltd., represented applicants before the West Warwick Planning Board.

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.

5. Unanimously voted (6-0) in the matter of **In re: Santos Javier**, Complaint No. 2024-10, to initially determine that the Complaint states facts that, if true, are sufficient to constitute violations of the Financial Disclosure mandate and to authorize an investigation.
6. Unanimously voted (6-0) in the matter of **In re: Anastasia Williams**, Complaint No. 2024-11, to initially determine that the Complaint states facts that, if true, are sufficient to constitute a violation of the Financial Disclosure mandate 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.

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