Report on actions taken by the Rhode Island Ethics Commission in Executive Session held on July 29, 2025:

1. Voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on July 1, 2025. [Reporter's Note: The vote was as follows:

AYES: Lauren E. Jones; Christopher P. Callahan; Frank J. Cenerini;

Scott P. Rabideau; and Holly J. Susi.

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

2. Voted (6-0) in the matter of <u>In re: Jason E. Licciardi, Sr.</u>, Complaint No. 2025-1, to find that probable cause does not exist to believe that the Respondent, Jason E. Licciardi, Sr., a member of the West Warwick Town Council, violated R.I. General Laws § 36-14-5(a) or 5(d) by his participation in the Town Council's February 4, 2025, discussion and vote regarding Shoreline Properties, LLC's request for a bond reduction.

[Reporter's Note: The vote was as follows:

AYES: Lauren E. Jones; Christopher P. Callahan; Frank J. Cenerini;

Emma L. Peterson; Matthew D. Strauss; and Holly J. Susi.

RECUSAL: Scott P. Rabideau.]

Voted (6-0) in the matter of <u>In re: Jason E. Licciardi, Sr.</u>, Complaint No. 2025-1, to find that probable cause does not exist to believe that the Respondent, Jason E. Licciardi, Sr., a member of the West Warwick Town Council, violated R.I. General Laws § 36-14-5(a) or 5(d) by his participation in the Town Council's February 12, 2025, discussion and vote regarding Shoreline Properties, LLC's request for a bond reduction.

[Reporter's Note: The vote was as follows:

AYES: Lauren E. Jones; Christopher P. Callahan; Frank J. Cenerini;

Emma L. Peterson; Matthew D. Strauss; and Holly J. Susi.

RECUSAL: Scott P. Rabideau.]

3. Unanimously voted (7-0) in the matter of **In re: Robert L. Lombardo**, Complaint No. 2025-5, 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 a full investigation.

4. Unanimously voted (7-0) in the matter of <u>In re: James Durkin</u>, Complaint No. 2025-4, to initially determine that the Complaint states facts as to paragraphs six through nine that, if true, are sufficient to constitute violations of the Code of Ethics and to authorize a full investigation.

As to <u>Lombardo</u> and <u>Durkin</u>, an Initial Determination is a preliminary vote that should not be construed as an opinion regarding the truth of the facts alleged in the complaints but is merely a vote to conduct an investigation into the allegations raised.

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