

**Report on actions taken by the Rhode Island Ethics Commission
in Executive Session held on June 2, 2026:**

1. Unanimously voted (8-0) to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on May 5, 2026.
2. Voted (6-1) in the matter of **In re: K. Joseph Shekarchi**, Complaint. No. 2026-1, 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: Dr. Michael N. Browner, Jr.; Christopher P. Callahan; Emma L. Peterson; Scott P. Rabideau; Hugo L. Ricci, Jr.; and Holly J. Susi.

NOES: Frank J. Cenerini.

RECUSALS: Lauren E. Jones.*
*Chair Jones left the hearing room.]

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.

3. Reviewed proposed decision and order in **In re: James E. Thorsen**, Complaint No. 2023-7. No action was taken in Executive Session.
4. Unanimously voted (8-0) to return to Open Session.