Report on actions taken by the Rhode Island Ethics Commission In Executive Session held on March 2, 2021

1. Unanimously voted (4-0) to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on February 9, 2021.

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

AYES: Marisa A. Quinn, Chairperson; Kyle P. Palumbo, Secretary; M. Therese Antone; J.

Douglas Bennett.

ABSTENTION: Timothy Murphy.]

2. Unanimously voted (5-0) in the matter of <u>In re: Brett Smiley</u>, Complaint No. 2021-1, to initially determine that the Complaint states facts that, if true, are sufficient to constitute a violation of the Code of Ethics and authorized an investigation.

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