



Wisconsin Ethics Commission

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Wisconsin Ethics Commission

101 E. Wilson Street
Wisconsin Room
Madison, Wisconsin
December 11, 2018
9:00 a.m.

Open Session Minutes

Present: Tamara Packard, Mac Davis, David Halbrooks, Pat Strachota,
Timothy Van Akkeren, and Katie McCallum (phone)

Staff present: Daniel Carlton, David Buerger, Julie Nischik, Rich Bohringer, Adam Harvell,
and Harry Broderick

A. Call to Order

Commission Vice Chair Tamara Packard called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

B. Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice

Staff Counsel David Buerger reported that appropriate notice of the Commission meeting had been given to the public and news media.

C. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

1. Minutes of the August 21, 2018 Meeting

MOTION: Approve the August 21, 2018 minutes. Moved by Commissioner Strachota, seconded by Commissioner Van Akkeren. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Minutes of the September 14, 2018 Meeting

MOTION: Approve the September 14, 2018 minutes. Moved by Commissioner Strachota, seconded by Commissioner Van Akkeren. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Personal Appearances

There was no personal appearance by a member of the public.

E. Review of Lobbying-Related Opinions of Previous Boards

Staff Counsel David Buerger presented the memo on page 11 of the meeting materials.

The Commissioners discussed the opinions staff suggested for withdrawal.

MOTION: To withdraw Eth. Bd. Op. 07-07. Moved by Commissioner Strachota, seconded by Commissioner Van Akkeren. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: To withdraw Eth. Bd. Op. 07-14. Moved by Commissioner Strachota, seconded by Commissioner Van Akkeren. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: To withdraw Eth. Bd. Op. 04-02. Moved by Commissioner Strachota, seconded by Commissioner Van Akkeren. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: To withdraw Eth. Bd. Op. 05-01. Moved by Commissioner Van Akkeren, seconded by Commissioner Halbrooks. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: To revise Eth. Bd. Op. 93-01 based on suggestions from staff and as described in the memo. Moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Van Akkeren. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: To reaffirm the remaining opinions in the memo with minor revisions to correct citations. Moved by Commissioner Strachota, seconded by Commissioner Halbrooks. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Unauthorized Lobbying Audit Process Update

Commission staff Adam Harvell presented the memo on page 17 of the meeting materials.

The Commissioners agreed to the updates to the process and made one minor change to the language in the memo.

G. Administrative Rule Update

Staff Counsel David Buerger presented the memo on page 19 of the meeting materials.

MOTION: For ETH 1 – Act 117 Amendments/Attribution, the Commission approves the scope statement and directs staff to begin drafting the proposed rule and associated documents for submission to the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse. Moved by Commissioner Van Akkeren, seconded by Commissioner Strachota. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Social Media Guideline

Staff Counsel David Buerger presented the memo on page 25 of the meeting materials.

The Commissioners and staff discussed the potential changes to guideline procedures in current proposed bills. Commissioner Strachota requested an update at the next meeting on any changes to the process at the next Commission meeting.

The Commission discussed the information presented in the memo.

MOTION: The Commission adopts the guideline as presented and authorizes staff to publish the opinion 2018 RA 03. Moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Halbrooks. Motion carried unanimously.

I. SEI Website Modernization Update

Commission Staff Adam Harvell presented the memo on page 31 of the meeting materials and provided a demonstration of changes to <https://sei.wi.gov>.

J. Legislative Lobbying Plan

Commission Administrator Dan Carlton presented the memo on page 33 of the meeting materials.

The Commissioners discussed priorities of the plan and determined that all items listed should be presented to the legislature as a priority of the Commission. The Commission suggested formatting the changes as technical versus substantive.

MOTION: The Commission directs staff to put forward all proposals as listed in the memo in an omnibus fashion. Moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Van Akkeren. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Complaint Procedures

Commission Administrator Dan Carlton presented the memo on page 45 of the meeting materials.

The Commissioners discussed the current procedures and potential changes to those procedures.

MOTION: The Commission directs staff to amend the current complaints practice by transmitting unredacted versions of complaints to respondents. Moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Van Akkeren. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Staff Report

Commission Administrator Dan Carlton presented the memo on page 47 of the meeting materials.

M. Consideration of Future Agenda Items

The Commissioners requested staff reach out to the incoming staff at the Department of Justice, to invite a representative to the March Commission meeting.

The Commissioners also requested the next meeting agenda include a discussion of the process for evaluation of the Administrator.

N. Closed Session

MOTION: The Commission went into closed session pursuant to WIS. STAT. §§ 19.50, 19.55(3), 19.85(1)(g), (h). Moved by Commissioner Van Akkeren, seconded by Commissioner Strachota.

1. Requests for Advice
2. Complaints and Investigations

O. Adjourn

The Commissioners unanimously consented to adjourning the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

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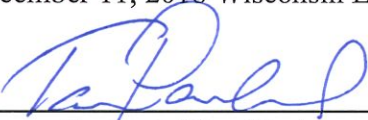
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