



Wisconsin Ethics Commission

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Wisconsin Ethics Commission

Teleconference
December 8, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Open Session Minutes

Present: David Halbrooks, Pat Strachota, Paul Connell, Mac Davis, Scot Ross, and Timothy Van Akkeren

Staff Present: Daniel Carlton, David Buerger, Richard Bohringer, Harry Broderick, Adam Harvell, Colette Greve, Julie Nischik, and Caroline Russell

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair David Halbrooks called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

B. Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice – Administrator

Commission Administrator Daniel Carlton notified the Commission appropriate meeting notice had been provided to the public and news media.

C. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

1. Open Session Minutes for Meeting on October 13, 2020

MOTION: To approve the minutes. Moved by Commissioner Van Akkeren, seconded by Commissioner Connell. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Personal Appearances via Teleconference

There were no appearances by members of the public in open session.

E. Guideline ETH-1223 Review

Staff Counsel David Buerger presented the memo on page 7 of the meeting materials.

MOTION: To adopt the guideline as presented by staff. Moved by Commissioner Van Akkeren, seconded by Commissioner Strachota. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Delegation of Authority for Administrator to Offer Certain Settlements

Administrator Daniel Carlton presented the memo on page 13 of the meeting materials.

The Commission and staff discussed the proposed delegation of authority for offering settlements. The Commission discussed regular reports from staff on standard settlements issued, and reviewing the process again in a few months to discuss how it is going.

MOTION: To adopt the policy as relates to standard settlement offers by the Administrator. Moved by Commissioner Strachota, seconded by Commissioner Van Akkeren. Motion carried unanimously.

G. FY21 Lapse Plan

Administrator Daniel Carlton presented the memo on page 17 of the meeting materials.

The Commission and staff discussed the plan, and concerns for the budget and lapse amount. Staff will continue to provide updates to the Commission on the plan for the rest of the fiscal year. The Commission took no action on this item.

H. Staff Report

Administrator Daniel Carlton presented the report on page 19 of the meeting materials.

The Commission took no action on this item.

I. Consideration of Future Agenda Items

The Commission did not discuss any future agenda items.

J. Closed Session

MOTION: To go into closed session to discuss requests for advice, complaints, and investigations. Moved by Commissioner Connell, seconded by Commissioner Van Akkeren. Motion carried unanimously

- 1. Requests for Advice**
- 2. Complaints and Investigations**

K. Adjourn

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Commissioner Van Akkeren, seconded by Commissioner Connell. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

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December 8, 2020 Wisconsin Ethics Commission meeting minutes certified by:



Pat Strachota, Vice Chair

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