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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Commission Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2020 | 4:00pm-5:00pm

Virtually Via Zoom

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lang. The roll was called. The following Commissioners were present:

Jeffrey Baker, Commissioner
Stuart Bluestone, Commissioner
Hon. Garrey Carruthers, Commissioner
Ron Solimon, Commissioner
Judy Villanueva, Commissioner
Frances Williams, Commissioner
Hon. William Lang, Chair

Note: Commissioner Bluestone attended the first half of the meeting telephonically and the second half via Zoom.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chair Lang sought a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Solimon seconded. Chair Lang conducted a roll-call vote. All Commissioners voted in the affirmative, and the agenda was approved unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 28, 2020 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES:

Chair Lang sought a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Solimon moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Villanueva seconded. Chair Lang conducted a roll-call vote. All other commissioners voted in the affirmative, and the minutes were approved.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Chair Lang sought a motion to enter a closed executive session to discuss pending administrative complaints pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(H)(3), and the State Ethics Commission Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 10-16G-10 & 13(B). Commissioner Baker moved to enter executive session; Commissioner Williams seconded. Chair Lang conducted a roll-call vote.

All commissioners voted in the affirmative, and the Commission entered closed executive session at 4:06pm.

- The Commission discussed the following matters during executive session:
 - o Discussion related to potential civil enforcement actions under the Campaign Reporting Act (CRA) (Farris & Boyd)
- The matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion to enter executive session. After concluding its discussion of these matters, the Commission resumed public session.

The Commission re-entered open public session at 4:48pm.

5. ACTIONS RELATED TO POTENTIAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE CRA

- Director Farris sought a motion to send a demand letter and authorization to file a civil enforcement action under the Campaign Reporting Act, and to memorialize that authorization by way of a resolution that would be attached to a complaint if and when filed in state court.
- Commissioner Carruthers moved to authorize the filing of a civil enforcement action against the Committee to Protect New Mexico Consumers; Commissioner Solimon seconded. Chair Lang conducted a roll-call vote and the Commissioners voted as follows:
 - o Commissioner Baker, Yes
 - o Commissioner Bluestone, Yes
 - o Commissioner Carruthers, Yes
 - o Commissioner Solimon, Yes
 - o Commissioner Villanueva, No
 - o Commissioner Williams, Yes
 - o Chair Lang, Yes

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public were invited to provide comments to the Commission.

- **Nat Dean** stated that the state needed to improve accessibility accommodations within the judicial system for those who suffer from traumatic brain injuries.
- No other public comments were offered.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lang sought a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bluestone moved to adjourn; Commissioner Williams seconded. Chair Lang conducted a roll-call vote. All Commissioners voted in the affirmative, and the meeting was adjourned.

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