

INDIANA
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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Minutes of the
Indiana State Ethics Commission
February 13, 2025
At 10:00 am

Indiana State Library
Indiana Authors Room
315 West Ohio Street, Second Floor
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Commission Members Present:

Katherine Noel, Chairperson
Robert Duncan
Corinne Finnerty
Rafael Sanchez

OIG Members Present:

Regan Perrodin, State Ethics Commission Director
Jared Prentice
Tiffany Mulligan
Doreen Clark
Elaine Vullmahn
Will Deane
JJ Fajt
Sam Stearley
Mark Day
Mike Lepper
Teresa Henson

I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

10:00 am

Katherine Noel calls the meeting to order.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Commissioner Sanchez made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Finnerty seconded.

Approved: 4-0

III. Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2025

Approval of minutes of January 9, 2025. Commissioner Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sanchez seconded.

Approved: 4-0

IV. Consideration of Post-Employment Waivers

- a. Consideration of Post-Employment Waiver for:
Indiana Department of Corrections – Sarah Schelle
Presented by Chief Legal Officer/Ethics Officer Anna Quick

Anna Quick and Sarah Scholle were present and sworn in.

Lloyd Arnold, the appointing authority for DOC could not be here today and designated Chief Legal Officer/Ethics Officer Anna Quick to present the waiver which waives the cooling off provision related to contacts and the particular matter restriction.

Commissioner Sanchez made a motion to approve the waiver; seconded by Commissioner Finnerty.

Approved: 4-0

- b. Consideration of Post-Employment Waiver for:
Office of Governor – Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Executive Director Devon McDonald
Presented by Governor's Office Chief of Staff Joshua Kelley and ICJI Deputy General Counsel/Ethics Office Jon McDonald

Governor's Office Chief of Staff Joshua Kelley, the appointing authority for the Governor's Office, presented the waiver which waives the cooling off provision related to contracts.

Commissioner Duncan made a motion to approve the waiver; seconded by Commissioner Sanchez.

Approved: 4-0

V. Consideration of Formal Advisory Opinions

- a. Indiana Family and Social Services Administration – Courtney Penn
Presented by: FSSA Deputy General Counsel/Ethics Officer Mathew Gerber

This request was withdrawn by the requestor.

- b. Indiana Family and Social Services Administration – Jennifer Royer
Presented by: FSSA Deputy General Counsel/Ethics Officer Mathew Gerber

Jennifer Royer would like to accept a post-employment position with Indiana Aspire Health. She is requesting the commission's opinion on whether she can accept employment from Aspire Indiana Health.

Commissioner Sanchez made a motion to support Royer's acceptance of Employment by Aspire; seconded by Commissioner Noel.

Approved: 4-0

VI. Administrative Hearing

- a. In Re the Matter of Rebecca Honn: 2024-01-0030

The State noted the petitioner for the case has changed from Inspector General David Cook to Inspector General Jared Prentice. The parties agreed to extend discovery until April 18th move the hearing date to May on a day yet to be determined.

Commissioner Finnerty made a motion to support this order; Commissioner Duncan seconded.

Approved: 4-0

VII. State Ethics Commission Director's Report

- a. 35 IAOs this month. Most concern post-employment and moonlighting, with some regarding gifts and conflicts of interest. Outliers are concerned with additional compensation and financial disclosure statement filing requirements.
- b. Our civil penalties rule's public comment period ends February 21st, and the public hearing will be on 24th at 8:30 a.m.
- c. The new cabinet secretary structure is in place and the Commission should be aware they may receive requests for formal opinions regarding this subject.
- d. Indiana Code 4-2-6-2 requires the OIG provide rooms and staff assistance – including advising – for the commission. State Ethics Commission Director Reagan Perrodin's monthly reports will now include information about assistance the OIG provided each month. As of this month, staff assistance included Reagan acting in her role as State Ethics Commission Director. This includes but is not limited to receiving, reviewing, and documenting filings, providing logistics support, drafting Formal Advisory Opinions, and advising the Commission as needed. When advising the Commission on

matters related to specific cases pending before the commission, Reagan is acting independently of the Inspector General.

- e. The new Inspector General, Jared Prentice, is introduced.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Sanchez made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Finnerty seconded.

Approved: 4-0

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:02 a.m.