

INDIANA
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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Minutes of the
Indiana State Ethics Commission
August 13, 2026
At 10:00 am

Indiana State Library
Author's Room
315 West Ohio Street, Second Floor
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Commission Members Present:

Katherine Noel, Chair
Ray Biederman
Rafael Sanchez
Thomas Satrom

OIG Members Present:

Vanessa Gould, Acting State Ethics Commission Director
Adam Garrigus
Jared Prentice
Jon McDonald
Teresa Henson (Teams)

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 Biederman seconded.

Approved: 4/0

III. Approval of Minutes from July 9, 2026

Commissioner Sanchez made a motion to approve. Commissioner Biederman seconded.

Approved: 4/0

IV. Consideration of Post-Employment Waivers

- a. Indiana Department of Transportation – Roland Fegan; Presented by Ethics Officer James Boyer

Commissioner Biederman made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sanchez seconded.

Approved: 4/0

- b. Indiana Department of Administration – Brandon Clifton; Presented by Ethics Officer Jennifer Jansen

Commissioner Sanchez made a motion to approve. Commissioner Biederman seconded.

Approved: 4/0

V. Consideration of Agency Limited Personal Use of State Property Policy

- a. Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Presented by Cynthia Forbes

Commissioner Biederman made a motion to approve. Commissioner Sanchez seconded.

Approved: 4/0

VI. Consideration of Formal Advisory Opinion

- a. Indiana Department of Child Services – Justin Littman; Presented by Ethics Officer Amber Ying

Commissioner Biederman made a motion to rule that the Commission declines to analyze the 365-day cooling off period and the particular matter restriction applies. Commissioner Sanchez seconded.

Approved: 4/0

- b. Indiana Department of Workforce Development – Anthony Vespa; Presented by Ethics Officer Elizabeth Green

Commissioner Sanchez made a motion to rule Anthony Vespa's current appointment to the SWDB does not trigger a conflict of interest and conflict of interest disclosure forms will need to be filed moving forward. Commissioner Biederman seconded.

Approved: 4/0

VII. State Ethics Commission Director's Report

1. Thomas Satrom is welcomed as a new member of the Commission.
2. 18 Informal Advisory Opinions have been issued since the last meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

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

Approved: 4/0

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:52 am.