

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE INDIANA STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
October 13, 2022**

I. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the State Ethics Commission (“Commission”) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Commission members present were Katherine Noel, Chair; Corinne Finnerty, John Krauss, and Sue Anne Gilroy (via telephone). Office of Inspector General staff present included Sean Gorman, State Ethics Director; Mark Mader, Staff Attorney; Mike Lepper, Special Agent; Cindy Scruggs, Director of Administration; Sam Stearly, Special Agent; and Nathan Baker, Legal Assistant.

Others present were Jessica Keyes, Ethics Officer, Family and Social Services Administration; Matheus Mitchell, Compliance and Ethics Specialist, Indiana Department of Revenue; Shane Hatchett, Chief of Staff, Indiana Department of Health; Erin Elam, Ethics Officer, Indiana Department of Health; Lynette Grafton, Paralegal, Indiana Department of Revenue; Beth Green, General Counsel and Ethics Officer, Indiana Department of Workforce Development; Tammera Glickman, Deputy General Counsel, Indiana Department of Administration; and Whitney Donald, Indiana Capital Chronicle.

II. Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Krauss moved to adopt the agenda, and Commissioner Finnerty seconded the motion, and the Commission passed the agenda via roll call vote (4-0).

Commissioner Gilroy moved to approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2022, Commission Meeting, and Commissioner Krauss seconded the motion, which passed via roll call vote (4-0).

III. Consideration of Agency Limited Charitable Use of State Property Policy Presented by Erin Elam, Ethics Officer, Indiana Department of Health

Erin Elam, Ethics Officer for the Indiana Department of Health presented a Limited Charitable Use of State Property Policy to supplement the agency’s current Limited Use of State Property Policy to the Commission for approval.

After discussion, Commissioner Gilroy moved to approve the Limited Charitable Use of State Property Policy and Commissioner Krauss seconded the motion which passed via roll call vote (4-0).

IV. Ethics Director’s Report

State Ethics Director Sean Gorman reported that OIG Personnel have issued 26 Informal Advisory Opinions since the October SEC meeting, along with three (3) responses indicating the OIG/SEC

has no jurisdiction regarding the request. Opinions focused mostly on Conflicts of Interests, Post-Employment, Outside Employment, Political Activity, and Gifts.

Second, the bi-annual Ethics Training is being finalized and SPD will roll-out the training to State Employees on November 1, 2022. All State Employees and Special State Appointees are required to take the training.

Finally, Director Gorman noted that the OIG's annual Legal and Ethics Conference will take place on November 15, 2022. The Conference will be held in the Auditorium of the Indiana Government Center – South. CLE credit will be available. Topics for this year's conference include a session on Ethics and Social Media, an update from the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission regarding the Disciplinary Commission and the Indiana Professional Rules of Conduct, and a panel featuring Office of Inspector General attorneys discussing frequently asked questions regarding the Code of Ethics. Former Indiana Governor and current President of Purdue University Mitch Daniels will also offer remarks reflecting on the importance of ethics in State government. Registration for the conference is available online at the OIG website.

V. Adjournment

Commissioner Krauss moved to adjourn the public meeting of the State Ethics Commission. Commissioner Finnerty seconded the motion, which passed via roll call vote (4-0).

The public meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.