STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Indiana State Ethics Commission June 12, 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, Chair Sue Ann Gilroy Robert Duncan Rafael Sanchez Corinne Finnerty

OIG Members Present:

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

I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

10:00 am

Katherine Noel calls the meeting to order.

II. Adoption of Agenda

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

Approved: 5-0

III. Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2025

Approval of minutes of May 8, 2025. Commissioner Sanchez made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Duncan seconded.

Approved: 5-0

IV. Consideration of Post-Employment Waivers

a. Consideration of Post-Employment Waiver for:
 Indiana Commission for Higher Education – Seth Hinshaw
 Presented by Office of Education Chief of Staff Josh Garrison

Seth Hinshaw and Josh Garrison were present and both were sworn in.

The Secretary of Education, Katie Jenner, could not be here today and designated Chief of Staff Josh Garrison to present the waiver which waives the cooling off period relating to contracting and the particular matter restriction.

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

Approved: 5-0

 b. Consideration of Post-Employment Waiver for: Indiana Department of Workforce Development – Megan Hibbard Presented by Ethics Officer Amie Durfee

Amie Durfee was present, Megan Hibbard appeared remotely, and both were sworn in.

DWD Commissioner Josh Richardson could not be here today and designated Ethics Officer Amie Durfee to present the waiver which waives the particular matter restriction and the cooling off period.

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

Approved: 5-0

c. Consideration of Post-Employment Waiver for: Indiana Department of Labor – Jameson Berry Presented by Ethics Officer Tony Hardman Jameson Berry and Tony Hardman were present and both were sworn in.

Secretary Mike Speedy could not be here today and designated Ethics Officer Tony Hardman to present the waiver which waives the cooling off period related to regulatory and licensing decisions.

Commissioner Finnerty made a motion to approve. Commissioner Duncan seconded.

Approved: 5-0

d. Consideration of Post-Employment Waiver for: Indiana Economic Development Corporation – Robert Paglia Presented by IEDC Chief of Staff Becky Yuan

Robert Paglia and Becky Yuan were present and both were sworn in.

The Secretary of Commerce, David Adams, could not be here today and designated Chief of Staff Becky Yuan to present the waiver which waives the cooling off period related to contracting.

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

Approved: 5-0

V. Consideration of Motion

In the Matter of Kurt Bensheimer Case No. 2024-03-0090

Will Deane presented the Joint Motion to Vacate Public Hearing and Consideration of Settlement Agreement in this matter to the Commission for their approval.

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

Approved: 5-0

VI. Consideration of Final Report

In the Matter of Rebecca Honn Case No. 2024-01-0030

Regan Perrodin presented the final report on the matter to the Commission for their approval.

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

Approved: 5-0

VII. State Ethics Commission Director's Report

- a. The Civil Penalties rule has been approved by the Attorney General's Office and the Governor; the rule was published on June 4th, 2025, and is now in effect.
- b. The Auditor & Investigator conference is being held today, June 12th, 2025. It will be held in the auditorium of the Southern Government building from 1:00 to 4:30.
- c. 21 IAOs since the last meeting, most concerning post-employment and moonlighting.
- d. OIG staff assistance Regan Perrodin and Adam Garrigus aided in administration for the Commission
- e. An executive session will occur immediately after this meeting ends.

VIII. Adjournment

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

Approved: 5-0

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.