

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION OF THE
APRIL 30, 2019
COMMISSION MEETING
OF THE JOINT COMMISSION ON PUBLIC ETHICS
HELD AT
540 BROADWAY
ALBANY, NEW YORK**

Chair: Michael K. Rozen (By telephone, not voting)

Members: Robert Cohen (NYC)
James E. Dering (ALB)
Colleen C. DiPirro (BUF)
William P. Fisher (ALB)
Julie A. Garcia (ALB)
Daniel J. Horwitz (NYC)
Marvin E. Jacob (WebEx)
Gary J. Lavine (ALB)
James W. McCarthy (WebEx)
David J. McNamara (BUF)
George H. Weissman (ALB)
James A. Yates (ALB)

Members

Absent: None

Staff: Seth. H. Agata, Executive Director
Monica J. Stamm, General Counsel
Martin L. Levine, Deputy General Counsel
Stephen J. Boland, Director of Administration
Keith C. St. John, Director of Ethics
Pei Pei Cheng-de-Castro, Director of Investigations and Enforcement
Walter J. McClure, Director of Communications and Public Information Officer
Carol Quinn, Deputy Director of Lobbying Guidance
Emily A. Logue, Deputy Director of Investigations and Enforcement
Michael Sande, Deputy Director of Ethics Guidance
Meghann Hennigan-Cohen, Deputy Director of Education
Melinda Funk, Deputy Director of FDS
Erin Lynch, Special Counsel for Lobbying
Kavita Bhatt, Associate Counsel
Kristin DiFrancesco, Associate Counsel
Patrick E. Coultry, Chief Investigator
Peter J. Smith, Investigator
Lori Donadio, Principal Investigative Analyst
Katherine Santandrea, Secretary to the Commission
Erica Davis, Intern

[Commissioner Cohen was not present until the beginning of Executive Session]

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rozen called the April 30, 2019 meeting to order.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – PUBLIC SESSION

March 26, 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Weissman, seconded by Commissioner Dering, to approve the minutes from the Public Session of the March 26, 2019 Commission Meeting. The motion was approved by a vote of 9-0-2. Commissioner Horwitz abstained from voting. Commissioner McNamara was not present.

III. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE LAW

§ 94(19)(B)

A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Executive Law § 94(19)(b). The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

IV. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Dering stated that in Executive Session, the Commission discussed several investigative and confidential matters, authorized steps in several investigative matters, and approved one settlement agreement.

V. REPORT FROM STAFF

Annual Financial Disclosure Statement Requirement

Executive Director Seth Agata stated that Financial Disclosure Statements are due May 15. Staff are available to answer any questions filers may have.

Outreach Update

Executive Director Agata stated that he, Deputy General Counsel Martin Levine, and Chief Investigator Patrick Coultry recently met with a group from Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Montenegro, and Serbia on the topics of ethics and anti-corruption issues. Executive Director Agata stated that in May he will be meeting with a delegation from Serbia on similar topics.

Executive Director Agata stated that the Office of the Nassau County Comptroller recently cited in their audit report the JCOPE website as a model for a user-friendly website and for making information available to the public.

VI. NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS

N/A

VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC MEETING

Upon motion made by Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, the Public Session was adjourned by unanimous vote.