

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2010
MEETING OF THE WEST VIRGINIA ETHICS COMMISSION**

The January 14, 2010 meeting of the West Virginia Ethics Commission was called to order in the Commission's Office located at 210 Brooks Street, Suite 300, Charleston, WV at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Kemp Morton. Also present in person was member Radford. Members Buckalew, Logan, Salmons, Trupo and Turak participated via telephone. Member Rowe was absent. Executive Director Theresa M. Kirk, General Counsel C. Joan Parker, Deputy General Counsel Martin J. Wright, Jr., Paralegal/Acting Secretary Lietta J. White and Administrative Secretary Lucy Suchy were also in attendance.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton asked for approval of the December 3, 2009 Commission Meeting minutes.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Radford moved and Mr. Turak seconded that the minutes of the November 5, 2009 meeting be approved, and the motion passed unanimously 7-0.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton announced that the next regular meeting of the WV Ethics Commission is scheduled for February 4, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's Office at 210 Brooks Street, Suite 300, Charleston, WV 25301.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Parker for a recap of the previous month. Ms. Parker discussed training, Brian Towns' resignation, the appointment of Member Monte Williams and the 3.5% budget cut to the WVEC budget.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Parker to present Advisory Opinion 2009-13 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Parker presented Advisory Opinion 2009-13 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Ms. Radford moved to approve Advisory Opinion 2009-13 and Mr. Buckalew seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7-0. After Advisory Opinion 2009-13 was passed, Ms. Radford moved Advisory Opinion 2009-13 be non presidential and Mr. Buckalew seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Mr. Wright to present Advisory Opinion 2009-14 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Mr. Wright presented Advisory Opinion 2009-14 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Ms. Radford moved to approve Advisory Opinion 2009-14 and Mr. Buckalew seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Parker to present Advisory Opinion 2010-01 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Parker presented Advisory Opinion 2010-01 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Ms. Radford moved to approve Advisory Opinion 2010-01 and Mr. Buckalew seconded. The motion passed 6-1.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson noted there were no Contract Exemption requests.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton noted there were no School Board Advisory opinion requests.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Kirk to present the Employment Exemption request.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Kirk presented Employment Exemption request EE 2009-10 requested by Larry J. Puccio. Ms. Radford made a motion to ratify the exemption request and Mr. Buckalew seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton asked Ms. Kirk if there were any miscellaneous matters to bring before the Commission.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Kirk provided an overview of proposed changes to Legislative Rule, Title 158, Series 7, relating to limitations on solicitations by law enforcement officers for the Commission to consider. Ms. Kirk also provided an update on the Legislation regarding the financial disclosure form.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Suchy presented a monthly review of the WVEC P-Card purchases.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton stated since there were no more items for discussion, the meeting stands adjourned.

The foregoing minutes of the West Virginia Ethics Commission were approved unanimously at a regular meeting of the Commission on February 4, 2010.



Kemp Morton, Chairperson
West Virginia Ethics Commission

ATTEST:



Lietta J. White, Acting Secretary
West Virginia Ethics Commission