

School Ethics Commission Meeting Public Session Minutes

December 18, 2018

Chairperson Robert Bender called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

Notice of the meeting was provided to the State House Press Corps and the Secretary of State and filed as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. In attendance were School Ethics Commission (Commission) members Michael Collins (participated via telephone), Mark Finkelstein (participated via telephone), Dan Kaplan (participated via telephone), Dennis Roberts (participated via telephone), Jude Tanella (participated via telephone), Richard Tomko (arrived at 9:48 a.m.), and Chairperson Bender. Commission member Michael Carucci was absent.

Also in attendance were Kathryn Whalen, Director, Offices of School Ethics and Compliance, and staff member Jeannine Pizzigoni, along with Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Donna Arons.

9:41 a.m. Motion was made by Jude Tanella, and seconded by Michael Collins, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss confidential matters and to obtain legal advice regarding the following complaints and matters involving possible litigation: C76-17; C20-18; C51-18; C65-18; C73-17; C45-18; C46-18; C49-18; C55-18; C59-18; A32-18; A33-18; A34-18; C40-18; C34-18; C10-18; C54-18; C66-18; and proposed revisions to the Chapter 28 regulations. Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

Complaints to Review

C76-17 Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to table this matter for a future Commission meeting.

Vote: 7 – Yes 0 – No

C20-18 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 7 – Yes 0 – No

C51-18 Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 7 – Yes 0 – No

C65-18 Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Daniel Kaplan, to draft a decision as discussed.

Vote: 7 – Yes 0 – No

Decisions to Adopt as Written

C73-17 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Abstention (Michael Collins abstained)

C45-18 Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Abstention (Michael Collins abstained)

C46-18 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Abstention (Michael Collins abstained)

C49-18 Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Abstention (Michael Collins abstained)

C55-18 Motion was made by Jude Tanella, and seconded by Dennis Roberts, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Abstention (Michael Collins abstained)

C59-18 Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Abstention (Michael Collins abstained)

Advisory Opinions to Adopt as Written

A32-18 Motion was made by Jude Tanella, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Abstention (Michael Collins abstained)

A33-18 Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Abstention (Michael Collins abstained)

A34-18 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Richard Tomko, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Abstention (Michael Collins abstained)

Administrative Dismissals

C40-18 This matter was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Other Business

C34-18 This matter was on the Agenda for informational purposes only.

C10-18 This matter was on the Agenda for informational purposes only.

C54-18 Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to place this matter in abeyance.

Vote: 7 – Yes 0 – No

C66-18 Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Jude Tanella, to place this matter in abeyance.

Vote: 7 – Yes 0 – No

Proposed Revisions to Chapter 28 Regulations The Commission was briefed on this matter by Director Whalen and, after discussion, a recommendation was made to continue discussions at a subsequent Commission meeting.

Discussion of Correspondence dated November 30, 2018 This matter was on the Agenda for informational purposes only.

Minutes

Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Dennis Roberts, to adopt the minutes of the November 27, 2018, meeting as written.

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Abstention (Michael Collins abstained)

10:37 a.m. Motion was made by Richard Tomko, and seconded by Daniel Kaplan, to adjourn.

Vote: 7 – Yes 0 - No

Submitted by:

Jeannine Pizzigoni

Approved by:

Kathryn A. Whalen, Director