

School Ethics Commission Special Meeting Public Session Minutes

August 30, 2019

Chairperson Robert Bender called the meeting to order at 9:42 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 (via telephone), Mark Finkelstein (via telephone), Dennis Roberts (via telephone), and Chairperson Bender (via telephone). Commission members Michael Carucci, Jude Tanella, and Richard Tomko were absent.

Also, in attendance were Kathryn Whalen (via telephone), Director, Offices of School Ethics and Compliance, staff member Jeannine Pizzigoni, and Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Joan Scatton (via telephone).

9:43 a.m. Motion was made by Michael Collins, and seconded by Dennis Roberts, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss confidential matters and to obtain legal advice regarding the following Complaints and matters involving possible litigation: C21-16; C70-17; C10-19; C22-19; C28-19; C29-19; C31-19; C32-19; D01-19; D03-19; D04-19; D05-19; D06-19; D07-19; D08-19; D09-19; A17-19; A18-19; A19-19; A20-19; and A21-19.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

Decisions to Adopt as Written

C21-16 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

C70-17 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

C10-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

C22-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

C28-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

C29-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

C31-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

C32-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

Orders to Show Cause

D01-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

D03-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

D04-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

D05-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

D06-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

D07-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

D08-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the decision as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

D09-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to administratively dismiss this matter.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

Advisory Opinions

A17-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Michael Collins, to adopt the Advisory Opinion as written.

Vote: 3 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Abstention (Mark Finkelstein)

A18-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the Advisory Opinion as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

A19-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the Advisory Opinion as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

A20-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the Advisory Opinion as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

A21-19 Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the Advisory Opinion as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

Minutes

Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adopt the minutes of the meeting (public and executive session) conducted on July 23, 2019, as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

9:54 a.m. Motion was made by Dennis Roberts, and seconded by Mark Finkelstein, to adjourn.

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No

Submitted by:

Jeannine Pizzigoni

Approved by:

Kathryn A. Whalen, Director