

MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2025 MEETING
OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
225 E. STATE STREET, 5TH FLOOR EAST
10 a.m.

Present: Vice Chair Patricia Morgan, Commissioner Sarah Adelman, Commissioner Brian Bridges, Commissioner Victor Herlinsky, Commissioner Christine Norbut Beyer, Executive Director Christina C. Fullam, Deputy Director Shamecca Bernardini, Assistant Attorney General David Apy, Assistant Attorney General Rachel Doobrajh and members of the Commission staff.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY VICE CHAIR MORGAN

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:12 a.m. by Vice Chair Morgan. The Vice Chair announced that adequate notice of the date, time and place of the meeting had been provided to the Office of the Secretary of State on December 5, 2024, to be posted prominently on a board reserved for such announcements. On the same date, identical notices of the meeting date were distributed to two major newspapers in New Jersey.

II. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2025 MEETING

Commission members had no changes to the March 11, 2025 Minutes, which were approved unanimously on motion of Commissioner Herlinsky, seconded by Commissioner Adelman, following the Executive Session of the meeting. Vice Chair Morgan abstained.

III. RECESS OF THE OPEN MEETING

Commissioner Herlinsky moved that the open session be recessed and that, pursuant to Section 10:4-12(b) of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, and investigations of possible violations of the law. Pursuant to Section 10:4-13(b) of the Act, the discussion conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public when there is no longer a need to maintain the confidentiality of same. Commissioner Adelman seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried 5 to 0 (Adelman, Bridges, Herlinsky, Morgan and Norbut Beyer).

IV. RECONVENING THE OPEN MEETING

Following the Executive Session, Chair Brown reconvened the open meeting.

V. CASES

04-23 Susanne Curran, Real Estate Appraiser 1 Department of Environmental Protection Commission Case No. 04-23

Commissioner Herlinsky moved that the Commission find indications of a violation that Susanne Curran violated the post-employment restrictions set forth in *N.J.S.A. 52:13D-17* when, under her own company, Curran Realty, LLC, she submitted a proposal to DEP in response to a Request For Proposals (RFP), which she is alleged to have participated in drafting while employed at DEP, but that it exercise its discretion by declining to take further action against Curran and dismissing the allegations against her. Commissioner Norbut Beyer seconded the motion, which was passed 4 to 1 (Adelman, Bridges, Herlinsky and Norbut Beyer in favor; Morgan opposed).

06-25 Report of Preliminary Investigation Department of Corrections Commission Case No. 06-25

Commissioner Norbut Beyer moved that the Commission find indications that the individual violated Section II, paragraph 4 and Section VI of the Uniform Ethics Code (“UEC”) by failing to submit an Outside Activity Questionnaire (“OAQ”) and working a part-time job during her scheduled telework hours with DOC in violation of the public trust. Commissioner Bridges seconded the motion, which was passed 5 to 0 (Adelman, Bridges, Herlinsky, Morgan and Norbut Beyer).

12-25 Sheila Rostiac, Trustee Montclair State University Request for Exception to Executive Order 14 (Corzine, 2006) Commission Case No. 12-25

Vice Chair Morgan moved that the Commission approve the proposed waiver, as the contract between PSEG’s subsidiary, PSE&G, and Montclair is subject to the competitive bidding laws applicable to Montclair. Commissioner Norbut Beyer seconded the motion, which was passed 4 to 0 (Adelman, Herlinsky, Morgan and Norbut Beyer). Commissioner Bridges recused.

13-25 Appeal of Denial of Secondary Employment Request Department of Children and Families Commission Case No. 13-25

Commissioner Adelman moved that the Commission reverse the decision of ELO Mahoney to disapprove the employee’s OAQ, finding that the employee’s outside employment is approvable with conditions to include adherence to the rules set forth in the Uniform Ethics Code and the DCF Supplemental Code of Ethics, to wit, Section H, paragraph 4 (not establishing or participating in a business, contractual, or professional relationship with any adult or child client of DCF, including those who are involved with CSOC through a CMO); no use of State time, materials, resources, or title for outside employment; no representation of the outside employer or any other third party before any State agency, to include a prohibition on the forwarding of any documentation or notes to any State agency on behalf of any party other than the State; no interaction with the same individuals with whom they interact in their role at DCP&P; and no use of sick leave to perform outside employment. Commissioner Herlinsky seconded the motion, which was passed 4 to 0 (Adelman, Bridges, Herlinsky and Morgan). Commissioner Norbut Beyer recused.

**16-25 Paul V. Profeta, Trustee
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Request for Exception to Executive Order 14 (Corzine, 2006)
Commission Case No. 16-25**

Commissioner Norbut Beyer moved that the Commission approve the proposed waiver, as it is in the public's best interest. Commissioner Herlinsky seconded the motion, which was passed 4 to 0 (Adelman, Herlinsky, Morgan and Norbut Beyer). Commissioner Bridges recused.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE

Casino Waiver Consent

Commissioner Herlinsky moved that the Commission approve casino employment waivers for Ehrlich (DOH), Viani (Stockton) and Irwin (DOC). Commissioner Adelman seconded the motion, which was passed 5 to 0 (Adelman, Bridges, Herlinsky, Morgan and Norbut Beyer).

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Herlinsky moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Adelman seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Cook

Shanna Cook, Executive Assistant
State Ethics Commission
Date: May 27, 2025