



Vermont State Ethics Commission

Minutes of September 16, 2021 (approved)

1. Call to Order: The special meeting, held in person and remotely via Zoom, was called to order by Acting Commission Chair Paul Erlbaum at 8:37 a.m. Also present for the meeting were Commission members Christopher Davis, Michele Eid, Ze Anderson-Brown, and Executive Director Larry Novins. Sarah Biolsi Vangel did not attend. No member of the public attended. There was no public comment.

2) Discussion of Executive Director departure plans: While the Commission continues its search for his successor, the Commission and Executive Director Larry Novins agreed that he would stay on as late as October 31. During that time, he will monitor office emails and telephone inquiries, assist with transition plans, and take some vacation days. When a successor has been hired, the Commission may contract with Mr. Novins to provide needed services.

3) Executive Session: to discuss appointment/evaluation of a public officer/public employee (executive director applications.) On the motion of Michele Eid, second by Ze Anderson-Brown, the Commission voted to go into executive session to review executive director applications. On the motion of Michele Eid, second by Ze Anderson-Brown, the Commission concluded the executive session at 9:33 a.m. The Commission agreed to hold another special meeting on September 23, 2021, at 9:00 to resume work on executive director applications.

4) Other business: The Commission members welcomed Ze Anderson-Brown to the Commission.

5) Adjourn: At 9:35 a.m., on the motion of Michele Eid, seconded by Chris Davis, the Commission voted to adjourn.

Next Meeting: Special meeting September 23, 2021 at 9:00. In person or Zoom.*

The Ethics Commission's next regular monthly meeting will be Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.* The meeting will be held both in person and remotely via Zoom.

*On the morning of the meeting, the needed Zoom meeting ID number and password will be posted on the Ethics Commission web site under "Meetings." Directions for attending the meeting via internet video or by telephone will be included.