



Providence Ethics Commission

Regular Meeting

~ Meeting Minutes ~

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

5:30 PM

Committee "B" (City Hall 3rd Floor)

PRESENT: Chairwoman Susann G. Mark, Tony Affigne, Jose Batista, Vanessa Crum and Dawn Robertson – 5.

ABSENT: Vice-Chairman M. Zachary Mezera – 1.

Also present are Councilman Samuel D. Zurier; Adrienne Southgate, Deputy City Solicitor, Law Department; Natalya A. Buckler, Assistant City Solicitor, Law Department; Peter Asen, Director of Partnerships & Intergovernmental Affairs, Mayor's Office; Tina L. Mastroianni, First Deputy City Clerk and Dawn E. Ostiguy, Assistant Clerk.

(Subsequently, Vice-Chairman Mezera joins the meeting.)

1. **Discussion relative to promoting transparency, including through the potential posting of public information such as Rhode Island Ethics Commission Reports and Board of Election filings of City elected officials on the Providence Ethics Commission website.**

The following has been invited:

Councilman Samuel D. Zurier

RESULT:	CONTINUED WITH VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mr. Batista
SECONDER:	Ms. Crum
AYES:	Chairwoman Mark, Vice-Chairman Mezera, Mr. Affigne, Mr. Batista, Ms. Crum and Ms. Robertson – 6.

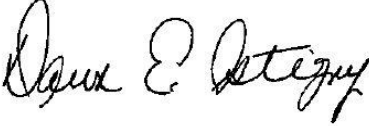
2. **Overview of the Providence Code of Ethics, Section 17-33 of the Providence Code of Ordinances.**
3. **Overview of the Open Meetings Act, including an update of the Open Meetings Act amendments, which will go into effect on January 1, 2018.**

4. **Overview of the Rhode Island Whistleblowers' Protection Act as it applies to the Providence Code of Ethics.**
5. **Report of trainings and orientations involving the Municipal Integrity Officer in Fiscal Year 2016.**
6. **Discussion relative to sending updated Commissioner Biographies to Municipal Integrity Officer for use on Providence Ethics Commission website.**

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matters and no votes were taken.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Vice-Chairman Mezera, Seconded by Ms. Robertson, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 o'clock P.M.


First Deputy City Clerk


Assistant Clerk