



# Providence Ethics Commission

## Regular Meeting

~ Meeting Minutes ~

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

5:30 PM

Committee "A" (City Hall 3rd Floor)

PRESENT: Chairwoman Susann G. Mark, Jose Batista, Vanessa Crum, Ethan Gyles and M. Zachary Mezera – 5.

ABSENT: Vice-Chairman Daniel E. Chaika and Elsa Dure – 2.

Also present are Adrienne Southgate, Deputy City Solicitor, Law Department; Kathryn Sabatini, Municipal Integrity Officer, Law Department; Lori L. Hagen, City Clerk; Sheri A. Petronio Second Deputy City Clerk and Tina L. Mastroianni, Assistant Clerk.

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

### 1. Discussion and Possible Motion to Approve Commission Regulation 2015-2, Complaints.

Discussion was held relative to the foregoing matter and various amendments were made.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mr. Batista
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ms. Crum
<b>AYES:</b>	Chairwoman Mark, Vice-Chairman Chaika, Mr. Batista, Ms. Crum, Mr. Gyles and Mr. Mezera – 6.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Ms. Dure – 1.

### 2. Discussion regarding necessity of possible Commission Regulation 2015-3, Ethics Commission Investigations in the Absence of a Complaint.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CONTINUED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mr. Mezera
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Vice-Chairman Chaika
<b>AYES:</b>	Chairwoman Mark, Vice-Chairman Chaika, Mr. Batista, Ms. Crum, Mr. Gyles and Mr. Mezera – 6.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Ms. Dure – 1.

**3. Discussion in Executive Session, Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4), sessions or work sessions pertaining to litigation, and investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct, either civil or criminal.**

CHAIRWOMAN MARK: May I have a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4), sessions or work sessions pertaining to litigation, and investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct, either civil or criminal.

MR. BATISTA: I make a motion that we go into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4), sessions or work sessions pertaining to litigation, and investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct, either civil or criminal.

MS. CRUM: Second.

On motion of Mr. Batista, Seconded by Ms. Crum, it is voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4), by the following Roll Call Vote:

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairwoman Mark – Aye  
Vice-Chairman Chaika – Aye  
Ms. Crum – Aye  
Ms. Dure – Absent  
Mr. Gyles – Aye  
Mr. Mezera – Aye

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RECONVENTION**

On motion of Mr. Gyles, Seconded by Mr. Batista, it is voted to Reconvene into Open Session by the following Roll Call Vote:

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairwoman Mark – Aye  
Vice-Chairman Chaika – Aye  
Ms. Crum – Aye  
Ms. Dure – Absent  
Mr. Gyles – Aye  
Mr. Mezera – Aye

CHAIRWOMAN MARK: I'll entertain a motion to Seal the Record.

MS. GYLES: So moved.

MR. MEZERA: Second.

On motion of Mr. Gyles, Seconded by Mr. Mezera, it is voted to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session.

CHAIRWOMAN MARK: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRWOMAN MARK: All opposed. The "Ayes" have it. We're Sealing the Record. The motion carries.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CONTINUED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mr. Batista
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ms. Crum
<b>AYES:</b>	Chairwoman Mark, Vice-Chairman Chaika, Mr. Batista, Ms. Crum, Mr. Gyles and Mr. Mezera – 6.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Ms. Dure – 1.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On motion of Mr. Batista, Seconded by Ms. Crum, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 o'clock P.M.

  
**Second Deputy City Clerk**

  
**Assistant Clerk**