

North Dakota Ethics Commission Special Meeting

Minutes of August 30, 2023

MS Teams

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard at 9:31 a.m. The following members of the Ethics Commission were also present: Vice Chair David Anderson, Commissioners Ron Goodman, and Ward Koeser, Legal Counsel Patricia Monson, Executive Director Rebecca Binstock, Office Manager Holly Gaugler, and in-coming General Counsel Logan Carpenter. Commissioner Cynthia Lindquist was absent.
2. **Agenda and Instructions for Special Meeting:** Chair Richard reminded the Commission that discussion for the meeting is limited to the agenda item which includes discussion of the May 17, 2023, request for advisory opinion.
3. **Discussion of May 17, 2023 Request for Advisory Opinion #23-02:** Chair Richard asked the Commission for comments on the revised draft of the May 17, 2023 request for advisory opinion as discussed on August 29, 2023.

Amendments were made changing a) the approval date to August 30, 2023, b) changing the word “distinction” to “distinct” in the third paragraph on page six, and c) adding language to third paragraph on page six to the effect that public officials finding themselves in a position of lobbying may leave the event or stay and pay market value for attendance at the event in accordance with N.D.A.C. § 115-03-01-02.

Motion: Vice Chair Anderson made a motion to approve Advisory Opinion #23-02 as amended. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Goodman. Chair Richard called for a roll call vote. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

4. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Approved on _____

Rebecca Binstock, Executive Director, North Dakota Ethics Commission