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From: Logan Carpenter, General Counsel

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Re: Meeting with Attorney General Wrigley and Deputy Attorney General Claire Ness

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On November 16, 2023, at the request of Attorney General Wrigley, ED Binstock and GC Carpenter met with AG Wrigley and Deputy Attorney General Claire Ness. AG Wrigley made the request to meet with GC Carpenter following a phone call he had with Chair Richard earlier this week.

AG Wrigley had questions regarding the Commission's criminal referral of the Jason Dockter complaints. His office was unsure how the matter was ultimately referred to Ladd Erickson. We informed him the Commission must make any criminal referral to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction, in this case Julie Lawyer, and she had to make the call on who does not have a conflict and could review it. He inquired if the Commission was aware that Ms. Lawyer's office had a conflict, we confirmed the Commission acknowledged she had a conflict and requested the matter be sent elsewhere.

AG Wrigley also informed us he believed Mr. Erickson may have a conflict because he was friends with former AG Stenehjem. I told him that is certainly something we could ask Mr. Erickson about, but the Commission's referral, as we discussed with AG Wrigley in a prior meeting, is narrow in scope and the underlying facts regarding the AG's office are secondary to Dockter's involvement. AG Wrigley made a comment that he may call Ms. Lawyer to understand what the process was to refer the Commission's matter. We reiterated the Commission could not take any action on the complaints since the matter is currently being reviewed criminally.

AG Wrigley mentioned that the media had been looking into and requested open records for the log of Liz Brocker and Troy Seibel's access to the capitol building following former AG Stenehjem's death. He said these records showed them coming and going multiple times, including at odd times during the night. AG Wrigley said the AG's office was cleared out completely shortly after Stenehjem's death and prior to AG Wrigley taking office.

During our conversation, AG Wrigley brought up the issue of public officials' travel and said he believed they should have to disclose that information. DAG Ness informed us the legislature discussed certain travel disclosure requirements during her time with Legislative Council and that may be a useful source of information. Both seemed very supportive of the Commission looking into the issue and offered any assistance they could provide during the process.