

North Dakota Ethics Commission Special Meeting

Minutes of March 28, 2023

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1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Richard at 2:36 pm. The following members of the Ethics Commission were also present: Vice Chair David Anderson, Commissioners Ron Goodman, Ward Koeser, and Cynthia Lindquist, Legal Counsel Allyson Hicks, Executive Director Rebecca Binstock, and Office Manager Holly Gaugler.
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 Complaint No. 23-003.
3. **Executive Session:** The Commission entered executive session at 2:42 p.m. to discuss complaint 23-003. The authority for closing this portion of the meeting is N.D.C.C. §§ 54-66-12(1), 54-66-12(3), and 44-04-19.2(1) - information regarding the content and parties to a complaint to the Ethics Commission is confidential. Included in executive session: Chair Richard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioners Goodman, Koeser and Lindquist, Legal Counsel Allyson Hicks, Executive Director Binstock, and Office Manager Holly Gaugler. The Commission returned from executive session at 2:51 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting at 3:03 p.m. The following action was taken on Complaint No. 23-003:

Motion: Commissioner Dave Anderson made a motion to authorize Executive Director Rebecca Binstock to summarily dismiss Complaint No. 23-003 as the complainant is not a North Dakota Resident. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward Koeser. Chair Richard called for a roll call vote. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

4. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Approved on 4/28/23 

Rebecca Binstock, Executive Director, North Dakota Ethics Commission