

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION OF THE  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014  
COMMISSION MEETING  
OF THE JOINT COMMISSION ON PUBLIC ETHICS  
HELD AT THE COMMISSION'S OFFICE LOCATED AT  
540 BROADWAY  
ALBANY, NEW YORK**

**Chair:** Daniel J. Horwitz

**Members:** David Arroyo  
Hon. Joseph Covello  
Marvin Jacob  
Seymour Knox, IV  
Gary J. Lavine  
Hon. Mary Lou Rath  
David A. Renzi  
Michael A. Romeo, Sr.  
Hon. Renee R. Roth  
George Weissman

**Members**

**Absent:** Paul Casteleiro

**Staff:** Letizia Tagliafierro, Executive Director  
Monica J. Stamm, Chief of Staff and Deputy Counsel  
John T. Milgrim, Director for External Affairs  
Stephen J. Boland, Director for Administration  
Robert Cohen, Special Counsel and Director of Ethics and Lobbying Guidance  
Pei Pei Cheng-deCastro, Director of Investigations and Enforcement  
Shari Calnero, Senior Counsel and Manager of Training  
Lou Manuta, Associate Counsel  
Joanna Weiss, Associate Counsel  
Deborah Novak, Executive Assistant  
Patrick E. Coultry, Chief Investigator  
Terence Mulderrig, Senior Investigator  
Jack Patterson, Confidential Investigator  
Peter Smith, Confidential Investigator  
Lori Donadio, Confidential Legal Assistant  
Janeeta Howe, Intern

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Horwitz called the September 30, 2014 Commission Meeting to order. Chair Horwitz announced that Commissioner Mitra Hormozi resigned from the Commission due to professional obligations, and he thanked Commissioner Hormozi for her service to both the Commission and its predecessor agency.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – PUBLIC SESSION – AUGUST 12, 2014**

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, which was seconded by Commissioner Roth, to approve the minutes from the Public Session of the August 12, 2014 Commission Meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**III. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Ethics Training for Lobbyists**

Executive Director Letizia Tagliafierro announced that JCOPE introduced the State's first mandatory ethics training for the more than 6,500 lobbyists in New York State. The new training is available online and information has been distributed with further instructions and details about who is required to take the training and when it has to be completed. Executive Director Tagliafierro stated that anyone who experiences technical difficulties with the training should contact JCOPE for assistance.

**JCOPE Newsletter**

Executive Director Tagliafierro announced that JCOPE is issuing its first newsletter today. The newsletter will be issued on a quarterly basis. Today's newsletter discusses the guidelines for State employees who are volunteering on political campaigns and highlights JCOPE's recent enforcement actions. The newsletter will be distributed to all State agencies and posted on JCOPE's website. Hard copies are also available at JCOPE's offices.

**IV. NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**V. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE LAW §94(19)(b)\***

A motion was made by Commissioner Roth, which was seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Executive Law §94(19)(b). The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**VI. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Horwitz announced that, during the Executive Session, the Commission considered several investigative matters, commenced some substantial basis investigations, and closed others. An exemption was considered and granted under Public Officers Law §73(8-b).

**VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC MEETING**

A motion was made by Commissioner Romeo, which was seconded by Commissioner Weissman, to adjourn the Public Meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the Commissioners.