

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2026 MEETING
OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
225 E. STATE STREET, 5TH FLOOR EAST
10 a.m.

Present: Chair Stephanie Brown, Vice Chair Patricia Morgan, Commissioner Carrie Parikh, Commissioner Peter Stokes, Acting Executive Director Shamecca Bernardini, Assistant Attorney General Rachel Doobrajh and members of the Commission staff.

Commissioner Christine Norbut Beyer joined by teleconference at 10:30 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR BROWN

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:04 a.m. by Chair Brown. The Chair announced that adequate notice of the date, time and place of the meeting had been provided to the Office of the Secretary of State on December 18, 2025, to be posted prominently on a board reserved for such announcements. On the same date, identical notices of the meeting date were distributed to two major newspapers in New Jersey.

II. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2025 MEETING

Commission members had no changes to the December 2, 2025 Minutes, which were approved unanimously on motion of Vice Chair Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Parikh.

III. RECESS OF THE OPEN MEETING

Commissioner Parikh moved that the open session be recessed and that, pursuant to Section 10:4-12(b) of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, and investigations of possible violations of the law. Pursuant to Section 10:4-13(b) of the Act, the discussion conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public when there is no longer a need to maintain the confidentiality of same. Vice Chair Morgan seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried 4 to 0 (Brown, Morgan, Parikh and Stokes).

IV. RECONVENING THE OPEN MEETING

Following the Executive Session, Chair Brown reconvened the open meeting.

V. **CASES**

**25-22 Leslie Anderson
New Jersey Redevelopment Authority
Commission Case No. 25-22**

Commissioner Stokes moved that the Commission dismiss the allegations that Leslie Anderson violated the recusal rule *N.J.A.C. 19:61-7.1 et seq.*, and *N.J.S.A. 52:13D-24(a)*. Commissioner Parikh seconded the motion, which was passed 4 to 0 (Morgan, Norbut Beyer, Parikh and Stokes). Chair Brown recused.

**35-23 Donna Huber
Motor Vehicle Commission
Commission Case No. 35-23 COMPLAINT UPDATE**

Vice Chair Morgan moved that the Commission approve the Complaint and authorize it to be served on Donna Huber and filed with the Office of Administrative Law. Commissioner Stokes seconded the motion, which was passed 5 to 0 (Brown, Morgan, Norbut Beyer, Parikh and Stokes).

**60-25 Report of Preliminary Investigation
Department of Corrections
Commission Case No. 60-25**

Commissioner Parikh moved that the Commission authorize the Department to proceed with disciplinary action against the individual for violating Section II, paragraphs 4 and 5 of the UEC as alleged in the materials submitted. Vice Chair Morgan seconded the motion, which was passed 5 to 0 (Brown, Morgan, Norbut Beyer, Parikh and Stokes).

**62-25 Joseph Pezzano
Rutgers University
Commission Case No. 62-25**

Vice Chair Morgan moved that the Commission affirm Rutgers's disapproval of Pezzano's Outside Activity Questionnaire because his outside employment presents a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict. Commissioner Parikh seconded the motion, which was passed 4 to 0 (Brown, Morgan, Norbut Beyer and Parikh). Commissioner Stokes recused.

**01-26 Report of Preliminary Investigation
Department of Law and Public Safety
Commission Case No. 01-26**

Commissioner Parikh moved that the Commission authorize the Department to proceed with disciplinary action against the individual for violating Section II, paragraphs 4 and 5 of the UEC as alleged in the materials submitted. Vice Chair Morgan seconded the motion, which was passed 5 to 0 (Brown, Morgan, Norbut Beyer, Parikh and Stokes).

**02-26 Report of Preliminary Investigation
Civil Service Commission
Commission Case No. 02-26**

Commissioner Stokes moved that the Commission authorize the Commission to proceed with disciplinary action against the individual for violating Section VI of the UEC and Section III of

the CSC Supplemental Code of Ethics as alleged in the materials submitted. Commissioner Parikh seconded the motion, which was passed 5 to 0 (Brown, Morgan, Norbut Beyer, Parikh and Stokes).

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE

Supplemental Code of Ethics - Department of Health

Vice Chair Morgan moved that the Commission approve the supplemental code for the DOH. Commissioner Stokes seconded the motion, which was passed 4 to 0 (Brown, Morgan, Norbut Beyer and Stokes). Commissioner Parikh recused.

Casino Waiver Consent

Commissioner Parikh moved that the Commission approve casino employment waivers for Barksdale (DOT), Ladson (Stockton), Choi (LWD) and Gonzalez-Chavez (Treasury). Vice Chair Morgan seconded the motion, which was passed 5 to 0 (Brown, Morgan, Norbut Beyer, Parikh and Stokes).

Vice Chair Morgan moved that the Commission approve casino employment waivers for Clark (DCF). Commissioner Parikh seconded the motion, which was passed 4 to 0 (Brown, Morgan, Parikh and Stokes). Commissioner Norbut Beyer recused.

Cannabis Waiver Consent

Vice Chair Morgan moved that the Commission approve cannabis employment waiver for Miller (SPB). Commissioner Parikh seconded the motion, which was passed 5 to 0 (Brown, Morgan, Norbut Beyer, Parikh and Stokes).

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Morgan moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Parikh seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Shanna Cook, Executive Assistant
State Ethics Commission
Date: April 14, 2026