

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Complaint Nos. 18-22 and 18-29

INTERIM PROCEDURAL ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINTS 18-22 AND 18-29, JOHN HICKENLOOPER,
Respondent

Background

1. On March 16, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Independent Ethics Commission (“IEC”) issued an order continuing the hearing in this matter to April 28, 2020, subject to further orders of the IEC.
2. On April 16, 2020, the Respondent filed a Joint Motion for Continuance to Allow for an In-Person Hearing in May and, in the Alternative, Respondent’s Motion to Proceed via Written Testimony (the “initial Joint Motion”).
3. On April 16, after receipt of the initial Joint Motion, the assigned hearing officer in this matter orally ordered the parties to file a clarification, signed by both parties, about the nature of the agreement(s) between the parties in the initial Joint Motion.
4. On April 20, 2020, the parties filed a Joint Motion of the Parties to Vacate April 28 Hearing and to Set a New Hearing Date in May (the “second Joint Motion”), which was signed by both parties. Noting that the staff of the IEC had identified a remote web-based hearing option, the second Joint Motion requests: (1) that the IEC Vacate the April 28, 2020, hearing date; and (2) reschedule the hearing to a date in May, 2020, that will allow all IEC commissioners, the parties and counsel, to attend a hearing in person, with appropriate health precautions.

ORDER

The IEC hereby orders:

1. The initial Joint Motion is deemed moot.

2. Subject to future orders of the IEC, the hearing in Complaints 18-22 and 18-29 is continued.
3. The parties shall confer with the IEC Executive Director to set a hearing date in May, 2020.
4. The format for the hearing in May depends on current public health orders and guidance from the Chief Justice, as applicable. The format will be specified by future order of the IEC.
5. Subject to future orders of the IEC, the subpoenas issued for the hearing are likewise continued to the date to be set for the hearing in May.
6. The parties shall forthwith serve this Order upon the witnesses whom the parties have served with subpoenas and shall immediately inform the witnesses upon the setting of a new hearing date.

April 21, 2020



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For Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa, Hearing Officer,
Colorado Independent Ethics Commission