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## **MEETING AGENDA OF THE OHIO ETHICS COMMISSION**

**Thursday, January 22, 2026**  
**12:00 P.M.**

**William Green Building**  
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**Level 2, Room 2**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 3, 2025 Commission Meeting
- V. ADVISORY REPORTS
  - A. Advisory & Investigative Statistics
  - B. Advisory Activity Report
  - C. Draft Formal Opinion No. 2026-01 – Civil Legal Defense Funds
- VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT
  - A. PUCO Candidates
  - B. Governing Authority Boards of Community Schools
- VII. LEGISLATION UPDATE
  - A. Legislative Report
- VIII. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION
  - A. Appearances Update & Statistics
  - B. Projects Update

IX. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATISTICS REPORT/COMPLAINT REPORT

- A. Statistics
- B. Pending Complaints

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC)

- A. Investigative Report
  - 1. Pending Complaints, Investigations and Recommendations
  - 2. New Matters
- B. Confidential Financial Disclosure Report
  - 1. Late Fee Waiver Requests
  - 2. Complaint Dismissals
  - 3. Complaints to be Approved
  - 4. Referrals to Attorney General's Office for Collections
  - 5. Review of Public Portions of Confidential Filings

XI. DATES OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

XII. ADJOURNMENT