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ETHICS COMMISSION TO ISSUE ADVICE

At its meeting today, the Ohio Ethics Commission approved drafts of two informal advisory opinions and reviewed legislative matters and financial disclosure reports. In a session that is statutorily closed to the public, the Commission took action on complaints and pending investigations concerning alleged violations of the Ethics Law and related statutes, litigation and personnel matters. The Ethics Law precludes the Commission from disclosing any information concerning investigative matters.

The Commission also directed staff to research the practice of public colleges and other public entities providing executive officials with unpaid attendance to public events for further advice by the Ethics Commission.

The Ohio Ethics Commission is an independent agency of state government that has the power to provide ethics advice to public officials, among its other duties in interpreting and administering the Ohio Ethics Law for many state and local public officials and employees. The Commission has been serving the public, and state and local governments, since its formation as part of the Ohio Ethics Law in 1973.