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OHIO ETHICS COMMISSION ISSUES ADVISORY OPINION

At its meeting today, the Ohio Ethics Commission issued an advisory opinion to the former director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (ODRC) who is also a current member of the Ohio Department of Youth Services' Release Authority. The opinion concluded that the Ethics Law does not prohibit the former director from working as an employee or contractor for a public dropout recovery community school that was designed while he was director of ODRC provided that he complies with post-employment restrictions under the Ohio Ethics Law and, as a member of the Release board, withdraws from matters before DYS that affect the academy.

In other business, the Commission reviewed Financial Disclosure statistics and complaint reports and received an update on Commission public outreach and communication efforts. Finally, in executive session, the Commission heard a confidential report on complaints and pending investigations concerning alleged violations of the Ethics Law and related statutes and litigation.