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**MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING  
PUBLIC SESSION**

**August 6, 2009  
10:30 A.M.  
540 Broadway  
Albany, New York**

**Present:**

**Chairman:** Michael G. Cherkasky

**Members:**  
Daniel R. Alonso  
John M. Brickman  
Andrew G. Celli, Jr.  
Richard D. Emery  
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**Staff:**  
Barry Ginsberg, General Counsel  
Theresa Schillaci, Special Counsel  
Ralph P. Miccio, Special Counsel  
Deborah Novak, Confidential Assistant

**I. OPENING STATEMENT**

The meeting was opened by Chairman Michael Cherkasky. The Commissioners unanimously approved a motion thanking Commissioner Robert J. Giuffra, Jr. for his exemplary service to the Commission.

**II. MINUTES – PUBLIC SESSION – JUNE 12, 2009**

Upon motion made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Lynch, the Minutes from the Public Session of the June 12, 2009 Commission meeting were approved unanimously by the members present.

**III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Acting Executive Director Barry Ginsberg provided an overview of the Executive Director's Report, recognizing the accomplishments of each unit. He expressed best wishes to Stephen Hensel, Associate Counsel and Roberta Reno, Head of Reception, who will both be retiring soon. They have 60 years of combined State service and both will be greatly missed.

Mr. Ginsberg informed the Commission that the Opinion Finder on the Commission's Website will be reinstated. Additionally, approval has been received for the Commission's professional trainers from Training and Education Services to teach Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Training.

**IV. RESOLUTION 09-02: DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Acting Executive Director Barry Ginsberg presented proposed Resolution 09-02, Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director. Upon motion made by Commissioner Levine, seconded by Commissioner Emery, the Commission adopted Resolution 09-02 by unanimous vote, noting that before action is taken, the Commission should be apprised of the exemption requests received and staff's proposed responses.

**V. LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL UPDATE**

Special Counsel Ralph P. Miccio presented an update on the public hearing regarding staff's 2010 Legislative Proposals to be held in Albany on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. He indicated 60-70 personal invitations have been sent and staff will schedule presentations. It was suggested that Commissioners meet in advance regarding procedures. Commissioner Emery requested staff redistribute Legislative Proposals and memoranda to all Commissioners with the e-mail link on the Commission's website. Commissioner Emery indicated that a public hearing in the western tier should also be held. Commissioner Celli requested staff research the State Liquor Authority's facilities for such a hearing.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC MEETING AND ENTER CLOSED SESSION  
PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE LAW SECTION 94(17)(b):**

Upon motion made by Commissioner Lynch, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, by unanimous vote, the public meeting was adjourned to enter Closed Session, pursuant to Executive Law §94(17)(b).

Respectfully submitted,



Barry Ginsberg  
Executive Director