

**TOWN OF PORTLAND
ETHICS COMMISSION
Special Meeting
July 12, 2022
7:00 P.M.
Portland, Connecticut 06480**

Present: Commissioners Jim Motes, chairman; Donna Cote, secretary; Patrick Moynihan, Katelyn Puorro

Absent: Jay Swanson

Others Present: Joe McQuade, town attorney

1. Call to order

Jim Motes called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Van Beynum Room in the Public Library located at 20 Freestone Avenue, Portland, Connecticut.

2. Public comment

Two members of the public were present. **Victoria Short** of 64 High St, Portland, CT stated her concerns regarding the First Selectman Ryan Curley's use of his political Facebook page to post an event of a political candidate. **Ryan Curley, First Selectman** explained his use of his political Facebook page "Ryan Curley – Portland First Selectman."

3. Request for Advisory Opinion (RAO)-RC 2022

In keeping with proper indexing of advisory opinions, the advisory opinion was renumbered to AO 2022-01. The request for an advisory opinion was reviewed, and it was the unanimous recommendation of the commission members that the applicant be advised that his "Ryan Curley – Portland First Selectman" Facebook page may be used to promote only his own re-election, reference Sec. 1-4(i).

4. Adjournment

Jim Motes made motion to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Patrick Moynihan. Vote unanimous, motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Cote