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The Commission reviewed a letter at their meeting on July 16, 2012. The Commission considered the inquiry regarding the definition of "plainly frivolous and legally insufficient" as applied by the Commission in a Complaint.

This Commission recognizes the seriousness of the inquiry in providing direction to citizens in determining whether or not a complaint is warranted. The words plainly frivolous and legally insufficient are generally accepted principles that may be found in Black's Law Dictionary for guidance. Even the dictionary has more than one definition, as it is not a concrete term, but defined as it is used in the context of certain facts. At this time, the Commission will not provide a definition in which it may be bound. The Commission will be more sensitive to this issue when dealing with future Complaints, and if it is appropriate, will provide more direction when using that standard.

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