

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TO: Members, Commission on Ethics

FROM: Chris Anderson 
Executive Director

DATE: May 19, 2021

ADVISORY OPINIONS

The Commission on Ethics issued three advisory opinions from its April 16 meeting. It has rendered 2,686 opinions since its inception in 1974.

LITIGATION IN COURTS

Nothing to report at this time.

FINANCES

As of April 30, we've spent \$1,921,120.04 (74.95%) of our appropriation, with 83.33% of the FY gone.

PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS / PUBLICATIONS / HONORS

Caroline recorded a lecture for the Florida Public Pension Trustees Association (FPPTA), and, thereafter, on April 23, participated in the FPPTA's Virtual Summit. Steve recently presented to 108 attendees at The Florida Bar's City, County & Local Government Board Certification Review Course; attached is an email thanking him for the presentation.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

This item will be discussed at the June 4 Commission meeting.

PENDING ORDERS IMPOSING PENALTIES

GOVERNOR

Complaint No. 15-178, In re Michael S. Murphy (Final Order 08/03/16).
Complaint No. 17-108, In re Joel Davis (Final Order 06/13/18).
Complaint No. 17-088, In re Cheryl Thomas-Hughes (Final Order 12/12/18).
Complaint No. 16-062, In re Dennis McDonald (Final Order 10/30/19).
Complaint No. 18-211, In re Thomas L. Clyce (Final Order 02/10/21)
Complaint No. 18-168, In re Dustin Daniels (Final Order 04/21/21)
Complaint No. 18-047, In re Brian Burkeen (Final Order 04/21/21)
Referral No. 19-158, In re Thomas R. Hardee (Final Order 04/21/21)

HOUSE

Comp. No. 18-026, In re Kim Daniels (Final Order 01/30/19).

**PENDING ACTION ON STATUTORILY-GENERATED LOBBYING FIRM AUDIT
MATTERS (GOVERNOR AND CABINET)**

- Comp. No. 16-017, In re Dean Mead (Probable Cause 01/27/17).
- Comp. No. 16-018, In re Buigas and Associates (Probable Cause 01/27/17).
- Comp. No. 16-019, In re DDarling Consulting (Probable Cause 01/27/17).
- Comp. No. 16-174, In re Kathy Till and Associates, Inc., (Probable Cause 08/02/17).
- Comp. No. 16-170, In re Capitol Group, Inc., (Probable Cause 10/25/17).
- Comp. No. 16-173, In re Johnson Strategies, LLC (Probable Cause 12/13/17)
- Comp. No. 16-175, In re Sayfie Law Firm (Probable Cause 10/25/17).
- Comp. No. 17-132, In re Andrew J. Liles (Probable Cause 08/01/18).
- Comp. No. 17-134, In re Lester Abberger (Probable Cause 08/01/18).
- Comp. No. 17-135, In re Pruitt and Associates (Probable Cause 08/01/18).
- Comp. No. 17-136, In re Wilson and Associates, LLC (Probable Cause 08/01/18).
- Comp. No. 17-137, In re TC Wolfe (Probable Cause 08/01/18).
- Comp. No. 19-031, In re Impact GR (Probable Cause 09/18/19).
- Comp. No. 20-055, In re All Florida Solutions, Inc. (Probable Cause 03/10/21).
- Comp. No. 20-056, In re Carr Allison (Probable Cause 03/10/21).
- Comp. No. 20-058, In re Pyle and Associates (Probable Cause 03/10/21).



I would like to thank you for all the hard work you put into this year's City, County & Local Government Board Certification Review Course!

We had 108 registered for the class, 22 of which were taking the exam.

I did also want to let you know that the class will continue to be webinar format for the upcoming years. The decision was taken by the CCLG executive council of the section. The change in format allows attendees who are also taking the exam to avoid travelling to Orlando for the Course and then turn right around and travel to Tampa for the exam; which was a recurring complaint due to the back-to-back scheduling.

The executive council also agreed to 'uncouple' this webinar from the other Section live seminars in the future. This means that you will be able to attend the Annual Update, Zoning and Land Use, or Public Finance day-long seminars in person, and not have them overlap our webinar. I do not know yet what the new dates for our webinar will be for 2022. Unless I hear back from you that the 3-morning format does not work, my intention is to continue it. It gives folks a chance to do some work in the afternoon, and for those studying, to absorb that morning's materials.

Please let me know if in light of this information you no longer want to continue presenting at our webinar. I hope you will all stay, but I understand if this format does not work for you.

Once again, many thanks to each and every one of you.

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