

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

Friday, March 10, 2023

*Third Floor Courtroom, First District Court of Appeal
2000 Drayton Drive
Tallahassee, Florida*

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

At 9:00 a.m. Chair Glenton "Glen" Gilzean, Jr. called the meeting to order with the following members present:

MICHELLE ANCHORS
WILLIAM CERVONE
GLENTON GILZEAN, JR.
JOHN GRANT
WILLIAM MEGGS
ED MOORE
WENGAY NEWTON, SR.
JIM WALDMAN

Don Gaetz was absent from the meeting.

The presence of a quorum was noted.

Commissioner Anchors, seconded by Commissioner Newton, moved to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2023, Public Session meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL ACTION – JOINT STIPULATION

Complaint Nos. 17-065, 17-069, 19-087 (cons.), In re KEITH DOHERTY

Present was Elizabeth A. Miller, Commission Advocate.

Ms. Miller summarized the proposed joint stipulation calling for a finding of violation of Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, with a recommendation of a civil penalty of \$500.

Commissioner Waldman, seconded by Commissioner Cervone, moved to approve the proposed joint stipulation. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF ADVISORY OPINIONS

File 2793. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: MEMBER OF CITY COMMISSION ENTERING INTO CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CITY TO RECEIVE PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS

Assistant General Counsel Gray Schafer explained the basis of the draft advisory opinion and the rationale behind its conclusion.

Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved to approve the draft opinion. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

File 2794. CONFLICT OF INTEREST; VOTING CONFLICT: MEMBER OF PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION SERVING ON THE WEST VILLAGES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Lindsey Whelan, Counsel to the District, and John Meisel, District Board Member, were present.

General Counsel Steve Zuilkowski explained the basis of the draft advisory opinion and the rationale behind its conclusion.

Ms. Whelan and Mr. Meisel were heard by the Commission.

Commissioner Anchors, seconded by Commissioner Newton, moved to approve the draft opinion. The motion carried, with Commissioner Waldman voting no.

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL ACTION – ADVOCATE'S MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT

Complaint No. 21-097, In re NICOLE HEATHER FRIED

Present were Benedict P. Kuehne, Attorney for the Respondent; Evan Power, Complainant; and Elizabeth A. Miller, Commission Advocate.

Commissioner Newton and Commissioner Waldman disclosed that they are acquainted with the Respondent.

Ms. Miller summarized her recommendation calling for the complaint to be dismissed.

Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Grant, moved to approve the Advocate's Motion to Dismiss Complaint. The motion carried, with Commissioner Moore voting no.

CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE APPEALS

None of the appellants were present for any of the appeals.

HEARING

FD21-001, In re ADAM WEISHOLTZ

Staff Attorney Joseph Burns explained the basis of the draft final order and the rationale behind its conclusion

Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Cervone, moved to approve the staff's recommendation to waive the fine. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NO HEARING

FD19-087, In re ANTONY ZOGHBI

Staff Attorney Joseph Burns explained the basis of the draft final order and the rationale behind its conclusion

Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Newton, moved to approve the staff's recommendation to waive the fine. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

REPORTS

The Chair had no report.

Executive Director Kerrie Stillman elaborated on her written report previously provided to the Commissioners. She also acknowledged that our former legal extern, Alexa Ravencroft, was awarded a fellowship with the Florida Supreme Court.

Executive Director Kerrie Stillman updated the Commission on the relaunch of e-filing.

Executive Director Kerrie Stillman elaborated on her legislative update previously provided to the Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items on the agenda, the Public Session adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Diana Westberry, *Secretary*

Glenton "Glen" Gilzean, Jr., *Chair*

Date