

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

Friday, November 14, 2025

PUBLIC VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

At 11:03 a.m. Chair Jon M. Philipson called the Zoom meeting to order with the following members present:

JAMES BUSH, III
LUIS M. FUSTÉ
MICHAEL HELLMAN
LAIRD A. LILE
JON M. PHILIPSON
JEREMY RODGERS
LINDA STEWART

The presence of a quorum was noted.

Paul Bain and Ashley Lukis were absent from the meeting.

Commissioner Fusté left the meeting early due to technical issues.

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL ACTION – JOINT STIPULATION

Complaint Nos. 21-017, 21-031 (cons.), In re JOHN STEVENS

Present were Robert K. Robinson, Attorney for the Respondent; and Joseph C. Burns, Commission Advocate.

Mr. Burns summarized the proposed joint stipulation calling for a finding of violation of Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, and a recommended civil penalty of \$1,000. The proposed joint stipulation also called for the dismissal of a second allegation of a violation of Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes.

Mr. Robinson was heard by the Commission.

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

CONSIDERATION OF DISMISSAL OF CERTAIN ALLEGATIONS IN COMPLAINT

Complaint No. 17-107, In re SUSAN HAYNIE

Present were Mark Herron, Attorney for the Respondent; Susan Haynie, Respondent; and Joseph C. Burns, Commission Advocate.

Commissioner Rodgers disclosed that he is acquainted with the Respondent.

Staff Attorney Amelia Naomi was heard by the Commission regarding new statutory requirements and summarized certain allegations in the complaint to be dismissed based on the rationale contained in the draft order previously provided to Commissioners.

Mr. Herron was heard by the Commission.

Chair Philipson moved to approve the staff's recommendation. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF ADVOCATE'S MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT

Complaint No. 23-002, In re LORI CUNNINGHAM

Present was Melody A. Hadley, Commission Advocate.

Ms. Hadley presented her Motion to Dismiss.

Chair Philipson moved to grant the Advocate's Motion to Dismiss Complaint. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF ADVISORY OPINION

File 2823. POSTEMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS: FORMER STATE ATTORNEY OR HIS PRIVATE FIRM REPRESENTING CLIENTS IN LITIGATION INVOLVING THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Present was Dave Aronberg, Requestor.

Commissioner Lile, Commissioner Rodgers, and Commissioner Stewart disclosed that they are acquainted with the Requestor.

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

Mr. Aronberg was heard by the Commission.

Commissioner Lile, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, moved to approve the draft opinion, with a footnote addition. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO RENEWAL OF CALL CENTER CONTRACT

The Chair asked whether there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the matter. There was no one. No written or email comments were received by the Commission from members of the public.

Executive Director Kerrie Stillman requested the approval to enter into a renewal of the call center contract.

Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Lile, moved to approve the renewal of the call center contract. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items on the agenda, the Public Video Conference Meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Diana Westberry, *Secretary*

Jon M. Philipson, *Chair*

Date