

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

Friday, December 2, 2022

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

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

At 12:25 p.m. Chair John Grant called the meeting to order with the following members present:

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

Michelle Anchors was absent from the meeting.

The presence of a quorum was noted.

Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Cervone, moved to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2022, Public Session meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF ADVISORY OPINION

File 2791. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: CONTRACT BETWEEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AGENCY AND EMPLOYER REINSTATED PURSUANT TO LITIGATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Bob Shillinger and Holly Merrill Raschein, Requestors, were present.

Commissioner Gaetz, Commissioner Newton, and Commissioner Waldman disclosed that they were acquainted with Ms. Raschein.

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

Mr. Shillinger was heard by the Commission.

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

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION FOR COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES

Complaint Nos. 21-001, 21-178 (cons.), In re CARA HIGGINS

Present were Wayne L. Helsby, Attorney for the Respondent; Thomas Grant Walker and Jolynn Cates Reynolds, Complainants; Mark Herron and Brendan Donnelly, Attorneys for the Complainants; Deanne M. Moore, Court Reporter; and Elizabeth A. Miller, Commission Advocate.

General Counsel Steve Zuilkowski recommended that the petition be dismissed.

Mr. Helsby and Mr. Herron were heard by the Commission.

Commissioner Gaetz, seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved to dismiss the petition. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Gilzean and Commissioner Waldman left the meeting early at 1:25 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF ADVOCATE'S MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT

Complaint No. 20-241, In re MICHELLE KLIGMAN

Present were Mark Herron, Attorney for the Respondent; and Elizabeth A. Miller, Commission Advocate.

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

Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Newton, moved to approve the Advocate's Motion to Dismiss Complaint. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF SECOND ORDER ON REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Extension Request 22-08, In re MYRA WARMAN

Commissioner Gaetz, seconded by Commissioner Newton, moved to reject the proposed order and deny the request for extension. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL ORDER RESCINDING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FINE

In re REGINALD H. JOHNSON

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

Commissioner Moore temporarily left the meeting and was not present for the vote.

Commissioner Gaetz, seconded by Commissioner Newton, moved to approve the proposed order. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED FY 2023/2024 BUDGET

Commissioner Cervone, seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved to approve the proposed budget. 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 introduced new Commission Staff Attorney Joseph Burns, and new Commission Investigator Marian Lambeth.

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items on the agenda, the Public Session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Diana Westberry, *Secretary*

John Grant, *Chair*

Date