

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

Friday, June 3, 2022

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

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

At 8:33 a.m. Chair John Grant called the meeting to order with the following members present:

ANTONIO CARVAJAL
DON GAETZ
GLENTON GILZEAN, JR.
JOHN GRANT
JOANNE LEZNOFF
WILLIAM MEGGS
JIM WALDMAN

Michelle Anchors was absent from the meeting.

The presence of a quorum was noted.

Commissioner Gaetz, seconded by Commissioner Leznoff, moved to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2022, Public Session meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL ACTION – DOAH RECOMMENDED ORDER

Complaint No. 20-186, In re R.C. "RICK" LUSSY

Present was Elizabeth A. Miller, Commission Advocate.

Ms. Miller presented her argument against Respondent's exceptions to the Recommended Order of the Administrative Law Judge.

Commissioner Leznoff, seconded by Commissioner Gaetz, moved to approve the draft final order.

Commissioner Waldman, seconded by Commissioner Meggs, requested to amend the motion to increase the civil penalty to \$5,000. The motion carried, with Commissioner Leznoff voting no.

The original motion with amended civil penalty of \$5,000 carried, with Commissioner Leznoff voting no.

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL ACTION – PRE-PROBABLE CAUSE JOINT STIPULATION

Complaint No. 21-159, In re TRACIE DAVIS

Present were Jennifer Blohm, Attorney for the Respondent; Tracie Davis, Respondent; David Hodges, Complainant; and Melody A. Hadley, Commission Advocate.

Commissioner Leznoff disclosed that she is acquainted with the Respondent.

Ms. Hadley summarized the proposed pre-probable cause joint stipulation calling for a finding of violation of Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and Section 112.3144, Florida Statutes.

Ms. Blohm was heard by the Commission.

Commissioner Waldman, seconded by Commissioner Gilzean, moved to approve the proposed pre-probable cause joint stipulation. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF ADVISORY OPINION

File 2789. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: DEVELOPMENT COMPANY DONATING LAND TO FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE

Nicola Liquori, Requestor, was present.

General Counsel Steven Zuilkowski updated the Commission and explained the basis of the revised draft advisory opinion and the rationale behind its conclusion.

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

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL ORDER RESCINDING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FINE

NO HEARING

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

Chair Grant noted the appeal regarding Andre Perez had been continued to the July meeting.

FD19-084, In re FAYE CHERYL DOUGLAS

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF EXPENDITURES

Executive Director Kerrie Stillman asked the Commission's approval on two items. She explained her spending authority is limited to \$10,000 and requested the approval to renew the three-year contract with Westlaw. She also asked for spending authority to sign the contract for the Attorney General's Office for the services of two Assistant Attorneys General to serve as Commission Advocates, and one paralegal specialist, which includes an increase of \$13,325 to account for the across-the-board salary increases for state employees in the General Appropriations Act.

Commission Gaetz, seconded by Commissioner Leznoff, moved to approve the requested spending authorities. 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 Intern Gianni Croci.

Executive Director Kerrie Stillman updated the Commission on the pause of the e-filing system, under HB 5003.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items on the agenda, the Public Session adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Diana Westberry, *Secretary*

John Grant, *Chair*

Date