

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

**Friday, June 9, 2023**

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

**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

At 8:34 a.m. Chair Glenton "Glen" Gilzean, Jr. called the meeting to order with the following members present:

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

The presence of a quorum was noted.

**Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Newton, moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2023, Public Session meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.**

**CONSIDERATION OF FINAL ACTION – JOINT STIPULATION**

**Complaint No. 22-039, In re JUSTIN DAVID FELLER**

Present was Melody A. Hadley, Commission Advocate.

Ms. Hadley summarized the proposed joint stipulation calling for a finding of violation of Article II, Section 8(g)(2), Florida Constitution, and Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, with a recommendation of public censure and reprimand, and a civil penalty of \$2,000.

**Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Grant, moved to approve the proposed joint stipulation. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.**

**CONSIDERATION OF ADVOCATE'S MOTION TO ADOPT ADVOCATE'S RECOMMENDATION, ORDERS FINDING PROBABLE CAUSE, RECOMMEND PENALTY, AND ISSUE FINAL ORDER AND PUBLIC REPORT**

**Complaint Nos. 19-100 to 19-120, In re MELODY JURADO**

Commissioner Gilzean disclosed that he was acquainted with the Respondent.

Present was Elizabeth A. Miller, Commission Advocate.

Ms. Miller summarized her recommendation calling for a finding of violation of Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, with a recommendation of public censure and reprimand, and a civil penalty of \$10,000.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF ADVOCATE'S MOTION TO SCHEDULE MATTER, ADOPT ALJ'S FINDINGS, RECOMMEND PENALTY, AND RENDER FINAL ORDER**

**Complaint No. 22-024, In re JOHN CAPPS**

Present was Melody A. Hadley, Commission Advocate.

Ms. Hadley summarized her recommendation calling for a finding of violation of Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, with a recommendation of public censure and reprimand, a civil penalty of \$5,000, and restitution of \$195.21.

**Commissioner Anchors, seconded by Commissioner Newton, moved to approve the Advocate's Motion. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.**

**CONSIDERATION OF PETITION FOR COSTS AND FEES**

**Complaint No. 22-077, In re TERESSA CERVERA**

Commissioner Gaetz and Commissioner Waldman disclosed that they are acquainted with the Complainant. Commissioner Waldman also disclosed that he has done business with Becker & Poliakoff.

Present were Adam Cervera, Attorney for the Petitioner; and Teresa Cervera, Petitioner.

Staff Attorney Katharine Heyward recommended that the petition be dismissed.

Mr. Cervera was heard by the Commission.

**Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Cervone, moved to dismiss the petition. The motion carried, with Commissioner Gaetz, Commissioner Gilzean, Commissioner Meggs, and Commissioner Waldman voting no.**

**CONSIDERATION OF EXPENDITURES**

Executive Director Kerrie Stillman asked the Commission's approval on five items. She explained her spending authority is limited to \$10,000 and requested the approval of the second year of the three-year contract with Westlaw, and the first year of the 6-year lease for our office space. She asked for spending authority on the contract for the Attorney General's Office for the services of two Assistant Attorneys General to serve as Commission Advocates, one paralegal specialist, plus additional funds for the paralegal position, if needed for reclassification or retention, along with the Office of the Attorney General's representation of the Commission in the Garcia v. Stillman litigation. She also asked for the approval to use carryforward funds to purchase a new Commissioner vehicle.

**Commission Gaetz, seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved to approve the expenditures. 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 Legal Intern Amelia Naomi, and new Executive Secretary Branden Garner, as well as 2 new temporary part-time clerks for peak financial disclosure season, Janice Suarez and Jeremy Pennington.

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

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 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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Diana Westberry, *Secretary*

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

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Date