

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

Friday, June 6, 2025

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

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

At 8:37 a.m. Chair Luis Fusté called the meeting to order with the following members present:

PAUL D. BAIN
JAMES BUSH, III
FREDDIE FIGGERS
LUIS M. FUSTÉ
LINDA STEWART

Tina Descovich, Laird A. Lile, and Ashley Lukis were absent from the meeting.

The presence of a quorum was noted.

Commissioner Bush, seconded by Commissioner Bain, moved to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2025, Public Session meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL ACTION – JOINT STIPULATION

Complaint No. 24-268, In re ANNETTE REDMAN

Present was Melody A. Hadley, Commission Advocate.

Ms. Hadley summarized the proposed joint stipulation calling for a finding of violation of Sections 112.3143(3)(a) and 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, and a recommended penalty of public censure and reprimand, and a civil penalty of \$4,000.

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

Complaint Nos. 24-277, 24-280 (cons.), In re TAMARA GOEHLER

Present was Joseph Burns, Commission Advocate.

Mr. Burns summarized the proposed joint stipulation calling for a finding of violation of Article II, Section 8(h)(2), Florida Constitution, and Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, and a recommended penalty of public censure and reprimand, and a civil penalty of \$5,000.

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

CONSIDERATION OF ADVISORY OPINIONS

File 2819. LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS: APPLICATION OF THE IN-OFFICE LOBBYING BAN TO CITY MAYOR

Requestor Tim Marden was present.

Staff Attorney Amelia Naomi explained the basis of the draft advisory opinion and the rationale behind its conclusion.

Mr. Marden was heard by the Commission.

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

File 2820. POSTEMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEE ACCEPTING POST-PUBLIC-EMPLOYMENT WITH A VENDOR OF THE DEPARTMENT

Requestor Peter Heron was present.

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

Mr. Heron was heard by the Commission.

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

CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE APPEALS

NO HEARING

No one was present for any of the appeals.

FD21-063, In re SHANNON GOTTARDI

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

Commissioner Bain, moved to reject the staff's recommendation. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Commissioner Bush, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, moved to approve the staff's recommendation. The motion carried, with Commissioner Bain voting no.

FD21-068, In re BARRY MILLER

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

Commissioner Bain, moved to reject the staff's recommendation. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Commissioner Bush, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, moved to approve the staff's recommendation. The motion carried, with Commissioner Bain voting no.

FD23-002, In re JUAN RUIZ

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

Commissioner Bush, seconded by Commissioner Figgers, moved to approve the staff's recommendation. The motion carried, with Commissioner Bain voting no.

**FD21-062, In re DERRICK MCBURROWS
FD21-065, In re MICHAEL ANTHONY PIMENTEL
FD21-066, In re CRYSTAL MCCALL
FD21-067, In re GABRIELA NAVARRO
FD21-070, In re FRANK TRIGUEROS**

Commissioner Bain, seconded by Commissioner Bush, moved to approve the staff's recommendations. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF EXPENDITURES

Executive Director Kerrie Stillman asked the Commission's approval on four items. She explained her spending authority is limited to \$10,000 and requested the approval of the first year of the new three-year contract with Westlaw, and the third 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, along with the Office of the Attorney General's representation of the Commission in *President of Town Council Elizabeth A. Loper v. Lukis* and *Town of Briny Breezes v. Lukis* litigation.

Commissioner Bush, seconded by Commissioner Bain, moved to approve the expenditures. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

Commissioner Bush, seconded by Commissioner Bain, moved to approve the amendment of the 2025 Meeting Schedule, if necessary. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

REPORTS

The Chair had no report.

Executive Director Kerrie Stillman elaborated on her written Executive Director's report previously provided to the Commissioners.

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

Executive Director Kerrie Stillman updated the Commission on the e-filing system, and the financial disclosure compliance numbers for the current filing year.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items on the agenda, the Public Session adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Diana Westberry, *Secretary*

Luis M. Fusté, *Chair*

Date