

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

Friday, June 5, 2026

*First Floor Meeting Room, First District Court of Appeal
2000 Drayton Drive
Tallahassee, Florida*

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

At 8:38 a.m. Chair Jon M. Philipson called the meeting to order with the following members present:

NICHOLAS X. DURAN
JON M. PHILIPSON
JEREMY M. RODGERS
ABBEY L. STEWART
LINDA STEWART

Paul D. Bain, Michael H. Hellman, Laird A. Lile, and Joseph Oglesby were absent from the meeting.

The presence of a quorum was noted.

Chair Philipson introduced new Commissioner Nicholas X. Duran.

Commissioner Linda Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Rodgers, moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2026 Public Session meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL ACTION – JOINT STIPULATION

Complaint No. 25-261, In re RANDAL ANDREWS

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(h)(2), Florida Constitution, and Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, and a recommended penalty of public censure and reprimand, and a total civil penalty of \$1,000.

Commissioner Linda Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Abbey Stewart, moved to approve the proposed joint stipulation. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINT FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION

Complaint No. 21-188, In re JOHN KINSEY

Staff Attorney Amelia Naomi summarized the proposed order calling for the dismissal of the complaint for lack of jurisdiction based on the rationale contained in the draft order previously provided to Commissioners.

Chair Linda Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Duran, moved to approve the staff's recommendation. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

Complaint No. 26-127, In re JANETTE MARTINEZ

Staff Attorney Amelia Naomi recommended that the complaint be dismissed as legally insufficient based on the rationale contained in the written recommendation previously provided to Commissioners.

Commissioner Linda Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Abbey Stewart, moved to approve the staff's recommendation. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION FOR ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS

Complaint No. 25-208, In re DARRELL C. THOMPSON

Staff Attorney Michael Terry recommended that the petition be dismissed as insufficient, based on the rationale contained in the draft order previously provided to Commissioners.

Commissioner Rodgers, seconded by Commissioner Linda Stewart, moved to dismiss the petition. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF ADVISORY OPINIONS

File 2833. DOING BUSINESS WITH ONE'S AGENCY: RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD CHAIR SERVING ON AN LLC'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WHERE THE RECREATION DISTRICT AND THE LLC DO BUSINESS

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

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

File 2834. DOING BUSINESS WITH ONE'S AGENCY: A TEACHER'S LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SELLING A PRODUCT TO HIS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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

File 2835. CONFLICT OF INTEREST; VOTING CONFLICT: MEMBER OF CITY BIGHT MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OWNING A BUSINESS THAT LEASES A SLIP AT THE BIGHT

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE APPEALS

HEARING

FD21-029, In re VERONICA OWENS

General Counsel Steven Zuilkowski explained the basis of the draft final order and the rationale behind its conclusion.

Ms. Owens was heard by the Commission.

Commissioner Linda Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Abbey Stewart, moved to reject the staff's recommendation, and waive the fine due to unusual circumstances presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

FD21-125, In re JAE HEE KIM

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

Ms. Kim was heard by the Commission.

Commissioner Duran, seconded by Commissioner Rodgers, moved to approve the staff's recommendation. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NO HEARING

No one was present for any of the appeals.

FD21-036, In re TOM ERMOLOVICH
FD21-054, In re DWAYNE KENNEDY
FD21-092, In re JAMES G. NEALIS
FD22-017, In re TOM ERMOLOVICH
FD22-022, In re DENNIS WEDGWORTH
FD23-001, In re RAVEN SNOW
FD23-009, In re SAMMY MCCOY
FD24-001, In re JACK KERIGAN
FD24-004, In re SAM MARTIAN
FD24-005, In re ALONZO PHILMORE, SR.
FD24-006, In re RICHARD LEONHARD
FD24-010, In re JACK REIMER
FD24-021, In re ROBERT SCOTT BERGMAN
FD24-022, In re HOZ COMPTON
FD24-023, In re MARY MCVAY
FD24-024, In re RUSLANAS BYCKOVAS
FD24-025, In re BARBARA SHEEN TODD
FD24-026, In re KEEGAN CUNNINGHAM

Commissioner Linda Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Abbey Stewart, moved to approve the staff's recommendations. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF FINAL ORDERS ON FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FINES
WHERE THERE HAS BEEN NO TIMELY APPEAL AND NO PAYMENT**

Commissioner Rodgers, seconded by Commissioner Duran, moved to approve the entry, as put forth by the Commission staff, of Final Orders on financial disclosure fines where there has been no timely appeal and no payment. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDER DECLARING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FINE
UNCOLLECTIBLE**

In re HARRY ADWAR – 2021 CE Form 1

Commissioner Duran, seconded by Commissioner Rodgers, moved to declare this fine uncollectible due to the death of Mr. Adwar. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF RULEMAKING

Rule Hearing on amendments to Chapter 34-7, F.A.C.

Staff Attorney Amelia Naomi explained the changes in the CE Form 9 "Quarterly Gift Disclosure" and CE Form 10 "Annual Disclosure of Gifts from Governmental Entities and Direct Support Organizations and Honorarium Event Related Expenses" incorporated by reference in the rule being amended.

The Chair asked whether there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the proposed rule changes. There was no one.

Commissioner Linda Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Rodgers, moved to approve the consideration of the proposed rule/form changes. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Rule Hearing on amendments to Chapter 34-13, F.A.C.

Staff Attorney Amelia Naomi explained the changes in the rule to include foster parents and foster children in the statutory definition of "relative" incorporated by reference in the rule being amended.

The Chair asked whether there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the proposed rule changes. There was no one.

Commissioner Linda Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Rodgers, moved to approve the consideration of the proposed rule changes. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

REPORTS

The Chair thanked the Commissioners for their attendance.

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, and thanked Commissioner Linda Stewart once again for all her efforts as the Commission's designated Legislative Liaison.

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 10:18 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Diana Westberry, *Secretary*

Approved:

Jon M. Philipson, *Chair*

Date