

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

Friday, April 16, 2021

*Leon County Courthouse
County Commission Chambers, 5th Floor
301 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida*

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

At 11:00 a.m. Chair JoAnne Leznoff called the meeting to order with the following members present:

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

The presence of a quorum was noted.

Commissioner Meggs, seconded by Commissioner Anchors, moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2021, Public Session meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL ACTION – DOAH RECOMMENDED ORDER

Complaint No. 18-168, In re DUSTIN DANIELS

Commissioner Carvajal disclosed that he is acquainted with the Respondent and Complainant.

Present were Jennifer S. Blohm, Attorney for the Respondent; and Elizabeth A. Miller, Commission Advocate.

Ms. Miller summarized the recommended order.

Ms. Blohm was heard by the Commission.

Chair Leznoff passed the gavel to Vice Chair Grant.

Commissioner Leznoff, seconded by Commissioner Gaetz, moved to approve the recommended order, but add public censure and reprimand, and increase civil penalty from \$250 to \$1,000. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL ACTION – JOINT STIPULATION

Complaint No. 18-047, In re BRIAN BURKEEN

Present was Elizabeth A. Miller, Commission Advocate.

Ms. Miller summarized the proposed joint stipulation calling for a finding of violation of Sections 112.313(6), 112.313(7)(a), and 112.313(8), Florida Statutes, with a recommendation of public censure and reprimand.

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

Referral No. 19-158, In re THOMAS R. HARDEE

Present were Mark V. Murray, Attorney for the Respondent; and Melody A. Hadley, Commission Advocate.

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

Mr. Murray was heard by the Commission.

Commissioner Anchors, seconded by Commissioner Gaetz, moved to refer this matter to FDLE for further review. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

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

CONSIDERATION OF ADVISORY OPINIONS

File 2775. CONFLICT OF INTEREST; VOTING CONFLICT: COUNTY COMMISSIONER SERVING SIMULTANEOUSLY IN UNPAID POSITION AS COUNTY SURVEYOR

Executive Director Chris Anderson explained the basis of the draft advisory opinion and the rationale behind his conclusion.

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

File 2778. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: CITY PURCHASING COVID-19 TESTING SERVICES FROM LOCAL HOSPITAL OF WHICH MAYOR IS A BOARD MEMBER

Staff Attorney Steven Zuilkowski explained the basis of the draft advisory opinion and the rationale behind his conclusion.

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

File 2779. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: CITY COUNCIL MEMBER CONTRACTING WITH CITY FOR USE OF RECREATION CENTER FOR KARATE CLASSES

Staff Attorney Steven Zuilkowski explained the basis of the draft advisory opinion and the rationale behind his conclusion.

Commissioner Meggs, seconded by Commissioner Grant, moved to approve the draft opinion, with added buttressing language. The motion carried, with Commissioner Leznoff voting no.

CONSIDERATION OF APRIL 8, 2021, ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Gilzean, moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2021, Advisory Committee meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF NEXT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chair Leznoff recounted the application and interview process. Other members of the Advisory Committee also gave input.

There was discussion.

Commissioner Gaetz, seconded by Commissioner Anchors, moved to appoint Kerrie Stillman as the new Executive Director effective September 1st with a salary to be determined. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Deputy Executive Director Kerrie Stillman addressed the Commission.

REPORTS

The Chair had no report.

Deputy Executive Director Kerrie Stillman elaborated on the legislative discussion previously provided to the Commissioners.

Deputy Executive Director Kerrie Stillman updated the Commission on the e-filing system.

Executive Director Chris Anderson elaborated on his written report previously provided to the Commissioners.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further items on the agenda, the Public Session adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Diana Westberry, *Secretary*

JoAnne Leznoff, *Chair*

Date