

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

PUBLIC VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

At 3:02 a.m. Chair Jeremy Rodgers called the Zoom meeting to order with the following members present:

NICHOLAS X. DURAN
MICHAEL H. HELLMAN
MARTY KERNER
JON M. PHILIPSON
JEREMY M. RODGERS
ABBEY L. STEWART
RYAN K. STUMPHAUZER
JOSHUA C. WEBB

Joseph Oglesby was absent from the meeting.

The presence of a quorum was noted.

LITIGATION UPDATE, DISCUSSION, AND DIRECTION

- (1) Town of Briny Breezes, Florida et al. v. Lukis et al., Case Number 2024 CA 000283, (Fla. 2d Cir. Ct., Leon County); and
- (2) President of Town Council Elizabeth A. Loper, elected official of the Town of Briny Breezes, et al. v. Lukis et al., Case Number 1:24-cv-20604-JAL, (United States District Court Southern District of Florida).

The Chair asked whether there was anyone present who wished to be heard on the matter. There was no one. No written or email comments were received by the Commission from members of the public.

General Counsel Steven Zuilkowski explained that the purpose of the special meeting was to get an update on the litigation and discuss all related matters. He also explained the procedures on entering into a shade meeting.

Chair Rodgers introduced Special Counsel Bill Stafford. Mr. Stafford explained the status of the litigation, and answered questions asked by the Commission.

Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Stumphauzer, moved to enter into an executive session shade meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The Chair recessed Public Session at 3:20 p.m.

The Public Session reopened at 3:54 p.m.

Commissioner Rodgers, seconded by Commissioner Kerner, moved to reject the settlement offered from the Plaintiffs. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items on the agenda, the Public Video Conference Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Diana Westberry, *Secretary*

Jeremy M. Rodgers, *Chair*

Date