

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

Friday, July 28, 2023

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

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

At 8:32 a.m. Chair Glenton "Glen" Gilzean, Jr. called the meeting to order with the following members present:

MICHELLE ANCHORS
WILLIAM CERVONE
FREDDIE FIGGERS
DON GAETZ
GLENTON GILZEAN, JR.
ASHLEY LUKIS
ED MOORE
WENGAY NEWTON, SR.
JIM WALDMAN

The presence of a quorum was noted.

Chair Gilzean introduced the two newly-appointed Commissioners, Freddie Figgers and Ashley Lukis.

Commissioner Gaetz, seconded by Commissioner Waldman, moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2023, Public Session meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF GARCIA V. STILLMAN

General Counsel Steven Zuilkowski and Chief Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Teegan were heard by the Commission.

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL ACTION – JOINT STIPULATION

Complaint No. 22-205, In re JOHN POLINSKY

Present was Melody A. Hadley, Commission Advocate.

Ms. Hadley summarized the proposed joint stipulation calling for a finding of violation of Section 112.3145(9)(c), Florida Statutes, and a recommendation of removal from public employment.

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

CONSIDERATION OF LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

Complaint No. 23-115, In re PETER PANAGIOTIS KOULIAS

Assistant General Counsel Gray Schafer recommended that the complaint be dismissed as legally insufficient based on the rationale contained in the written recommendation previously provided to Commissioners.

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

CONSIDERATION OF ADVISORY OPINION

File 2800. ABUSE OF POSITION; MISUSE OF PUBLIC POSITION; CONFLICT OF INTEREST; GIFT PROHIBITIONS: STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER AUTHORIZING CONTENT FOR PUBLICATIONS REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO HIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Commissioner Gaetz and Commissioner Newton disclosed that they are acquainted with the Requestor.

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

Commissioner Gaetz, seconded by Commissioner Newton, moved to approve the draft opinion, as amended by a footnote. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE APPEALS

NO HEARING

**FD19-097, In re ANDRAE BAILEY
FD19-098, In re BRENDA CAIN
FD20-054, In re ANDRAE BAILEY
FD20-055, In re HOWARD J. BECHTOLD
FD21-002, In re ANDRAE BAILEY
FD22-002, In re JAYSON IROFF
FD22-003, In re MYRA WARMAN**

Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Anchors, moved to approve the staff's recommendations, regarding the above-referenced appeals. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF RULEMAKING

Rule Hearing: Chapter 34-8, F.A.C.

Assistant General Counsel Gray Schafer explained the changes in the financial disclosure forms 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. No one requested the opportunity to be heard.

Commissioner Cervone, seconded by Commissioner Anchors, moved to adopt the proposed rule/form changes. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Rule Hearing: Chapter 34-7-010, F.A.C.

Assistant General Counsel Gray Schafer explained the changes in the Form 2 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. No one requested the opportunity to be heard.

Commissioner Cervone, seconded by Commissioner Waldman, moved to adopt the proposed rule/form changes. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF 2024 LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Executive Director Kerrie Stillman explained that the Commission is statutorily required to make recommendations for legislation, and gave a brief explanation of the memo provided to Members.

Commissioner Cervone, seconded by Commissioner Anchors, moved to table the proposed legislative recommendations. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

Executive Director Kerrie Stillman explained the 2024 Meeting Schedule and Deadlines. There were no objections from the Commission.

Commissioner Waldman, seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved to adopt the 2024 Meeting Schedule. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

REPORTS

The Chair had no report.

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Executive Director Kerrie Stillman elaborated on her written report previously provided to the Commissioners. She recognized Commissioner Moore for his reappointment, and congratulated Commissioner Gilzean on his new marriage.

Executive Director Kerrie Stillman updated the Commission on the relaunch of e-filing, and updated the Commission with 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Diana Westberry, *Secretary*

XXXXXX, *Chair*

Date