

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

Friday, July 25, 2025

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

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

At 8:45 a.m. Chair Ashley Lukis called the meeting to order with the following members present:

PAUL D. BAIN
JAMES BUSH, III
ASHLEY LUKIS
JON M. PHILIPSON
JEREMY M. RODGERS
LINDA STEWART

Luis Fusté, Michael H. Hellman, and Laird A. Lile 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 June 6, 2025, Public Session meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Bain, moved to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2025, Public Video Conference meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Lukis introduced new Commissioners Jeremy Rodgers and Jon Philipson.

CONSIDERATION OF ADVISORY OPINIONS

File 2817. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER AND PRIVATE BUSINESS OWNER VOLUNTEERING ON BEHALF OF HER PRIVATE BUSINESS AND PROMOTING HER PRIVATE BUSINESS WITHIN HER DISTRICT'S SCHOOL

Requestor Lauren Ramirez, and her counsel Theresa Pontieri, were present.

Staff Attorney Stephanie Novenario explained the basis of the draft advisory opinion and the rationale behind its conclusion.

Ms. Pontieri was heard by the Commission.

Commissioner Bain and Commissioner Philipson moved to reject the draft opinion, and requested they be provided with alternate drafts. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

File 2822. GIFT ACCEPTANCE AND DISCLOSURE: CITY COMMISSIONER ACCEPTING TICKETS TO EVENTS

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF 2026 MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

Executive Director Kerrie Stillman explained the proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule and Deadlines.

Commissioner Bain, seconded by Commissioner Rodgers, moved to adopt the 2026 Meeting Schedule and Deadlines. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF 2026 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.

The Commission discussed the proposals and its desire to consider the recommendations further at the September meeting.

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 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 11:35 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Diana Westberry, *Secretary*

Approved:

Luis M. Fusté, *Chair*

Date