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TALLAHASSEE— September 17 — The State of Florida Commission on Ethics, in its public session meeting on September 12, elected **JON M. PHILIPSON** as Chair for the 2025-2026 term beginning September 12, 2025. Commissioner Philipson was appointed by Governor DeSantis in 2025. He is a Tampa-based Gunster shareholder specializing in business litigation, arbitration, and antitrust law. A top graduate and Rhodes Scholar finalist, he clerked for a federal judge and has a background in public service, while actively mentoring future legal professionals.

DR. JAMES BUSH, III, was elected Vice Chair. Commissioner Bush was appointed by Speaker Perez in 2024. Dr. Bush is a former Florida State Representative and longtime community leader with over 40 years of service in education and ministry. As founder of James Bush III Ministries and the Just Pray Movement, he continues to champion faith, family, and civic engagement throughout the Miami-Dade community.