



STATE OF NEVADA

**BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

**In the Matter of the Request for Opinion  
Concerning the Conduct of TERRI JANISON,  
President, Clark County School Board of  
Trustees, Clark County School District,  
State of Nevada,**

**Request for Opinion No.: 10-56C**

Subject. /

**PANEL DETERMINATION**

NRS 281A.440(5); NAC 281A.440

Facts and Jurisdiction

The Nevada Commission on Ethics received a Request for Opinion regarding the conduct of Terri Janison, President, Clark County School Board of Trustees, State of Nevada, alleging certain violations of the Ethics in Government Law set forth in NRS 281A. Commission staff presented the Investigatory Panel with the allegations that Ms. Janison's husband's employment as a weatherman for a local television station, which is owned by a person who expressed interest in applying for the open Clark County School District (CCSD) Superintendent position, created a conflict of interest requiring her to disclose the conflict and abstain from voting or otherwise participating in any CCSD matters related to the Superintendent search. Specifically, the Request for Opinion alleged:

- 1 - That by participating in the CCSD superintendent search, Janison granted unwarranted preferences to her husband's employer (NRS 281A.400(2)),
- 2- That Janison acted as an agent of the government in negotiating and executing a contract with a business entity in which she has a significant pecuniary interest by contracting with McPherson & Jacobson as the search firm for the CCSD (NRS 281A.400(3)),

3 - That Janison failed to disclose her relationship with her husband's employer during deliberations related to the search for the CCSD superintendent (NRS 281A.420), and

4 - That Janison failed to abstain from voting on items related to the search for the CCSD superintendent (NRS 281A.420).

At the time of the alleged conduct, Janison was, and still is, the President of the Clark County School Board of Trustees, a public officer as defined in NRS 281A.160. The Ethics Commission has jurisdiction over the conduct of public officers pursuant to NRS 281A.280. Therefore, the Commission has jurisdiction in this matter.

#### Panel Proceeding

On November 9, 2010, pursuant to NRS 281A.440(5), an Investigatory Panel consisting of Commissioner Paul H. Lamboley, Esq. and Commissioner George M. Keele, Esq. reviewed the following: 1) Request for Opinion; 2) Ms. Janison's response to the Request for Opinion, 3) the Investigator's Report; and 4) the Executive Director's Recommendation and Approval of Investigator's Report. The Panel unanimously found and concluded that credible evidence does not exist to support a finding of just and sufficient cause for the Commission to render an opinion whether Terri Janison, by participating in the CCSD search for a new Superintendent, violated any provision of the Ethics in Government Law, particularly NRS 281A.400(2) and (3), and NRS 281A.420(1) and (3), as the Commission has not found the minimal level of any reliable and competent form of proof to support the allegations.

Therefore, the Investigatory Panel will not refer these allegations to the Commission for a hearing and the rendering of an opinion.

Dated:

November 29, 2010



Caren Jenkins, Esq.  
Executive Director

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Ethics and that on this day in Carson City, Nevada, I placed a true and correct copy of the **PANEL DETERMINATION in Request for Opinion No. 10-56C**, in an envelope and caused same to be mailed via certified mail, return receipt requested, through the State of Nevada Mailroom to Terri Janison addressed as follows:

Terri Janison, President  
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DATED: 11-30-10

  
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An employee, Nevada Commission on Ethics