



STATE OF NEVADA

BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

**In the Matter of the Request for Opinion
Concerning the Conduct of DEANNA L. WRIGHT,
Trustee, Clark County School Board of Trustees,
Clark County School District,
State of Nevada,**

Request for Opinion No.: 10-60C

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 Deanna L. Wright, Trustee, 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, between January 8 and January 22, 2009, and at all times relevant to the request, Ms. Wright had a pecuniary interest in her mother's employment and a commitment in a private capacity to her mother, to Martin Harris Construction and to JMA Architects (an entity that Martin Harris is known to do business with). As a result, the request contends, she should have disclosed her mother's former employment with Martin Harris Construction and abstained from voting on issues before the Clark County School District (CCSD) Board of Trustees that affected or might affect Martin Harris Construction or JMA Architects.

At the time of the alleged conduct, Wright was, and still is, a member 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. Wright'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.

After reviewing the evidence and NRS 281A.020, NRS 281A.400, and NRS 281A.420, the Panel found that a minimum level of reliable and competent evidence did not exist to support a reasonable belief by the panel that: 1) Ms. Wright failed to adequately separate her private and public duties (NRS 281A.020); 2) sought an economic opportunity for her mother's former employer which would tend improperly to influence a reasonable School Board Trustee to depart from the faithful and impartial discharge of her public duties (NRS 281A.400(2)); 3) failed to disclose a conflict of interest; and/or 4) failed to abstain from participating in votes related to her pecuniary interest or her commitment in a private capacity to the interests of her mother (NRS 281A.420(1) and (3)).

Therefore, the Investigatory Panel unanimously held that just and sufficient cause **DOES NOT EXIST** for the Commission to render an opinion on the allegations, and will not refer these allegations to the Commission for a hearing.

Dated: November 29, 2010



Caren Jenkins, Esq.
Executive Director

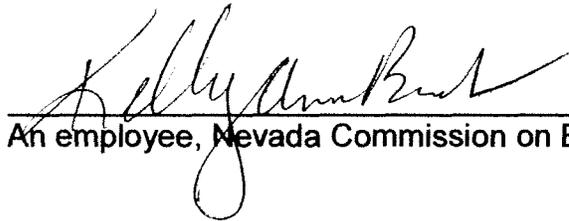
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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. 10-60C**, 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:

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DATED: 11-29-10


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