



**STATE OF NEVADA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**
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MINUTES

**of the meeting of the
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

May 13, 2010

These minutes constitute a summary of the above proceedings of the Nevada Commission on Ethics. A verbatim transcript of the open session proceeding is available for inspection at the Commission office in Carson City.

The Commission on Ethics held a public meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2010, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the following location:

Nevada Gaming Control Board
Board Room
1919 E. College Parkway
Carson City, NV

and via video-teleconference at

Nevada Gaming Control Board
Board Room
555 E. Washington Avenue, Suite 2600
Las Vegas, NV

1. Call to Order, Roll Call.

In Carson City, Chairman George Keele, Esq. called the meeting to order and called the roll at 8:34 a.m., Thursday, May 13, 2010.

Also present in Carson City were Commissioners Erik Beyer, P.E., Paul Lamboley, Esq., John W. Marvel and, James M. Shaw. Commissioners John T. Moran, III, Esq., Magdalena Groover and Gregory Gale, C.P.A., attended in Las Vegas.

Also present in Carson City were Executive Director Caren Jenkins, Esq., Commission Counsel Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson, Esq. and Executive Assistant Michelle Ene.

Chairman Keele welcomed new Commissioner, Magdalena Groover to the Commission. Commissioner Groover gave a brief introduction of her background.

2. Closed session pursuant to NRS 281A.440(15) to hear testimony, receive evidence, deliberate, and render an opinion on Request for Opinion No. 10-10A, submitted pursuant to NRS 281A.440(1).

This portion of the meeting was not available to the public.

3. Closed session pursuant to NRS 281A.440(15) to hear testimony, receive evidence, deliberate, and render an opinion on Request for Opinion No. 10-19A, submitted pursuant to NRS 281A.440(1).

This portion of the meeting was not available to the public.

4. Closed session pursuant to NRS 281A.440(15) to hear testimony, receive evidence, deliberate, and render an opinion on Request for Opinion No. 10-21A, submitted pursuant to NRS 281A.440(1).

This portion of the meeting was not available to the public.

5. Open session for discussion of agency status and operations.

Executive Director Jenkins stated that the state tour of ethics training was a success and as a result, the Commission has recently received a larger number of requests for advisory opinions.

Executive Director Jenkins stated that the Commission entered a lease agreement for the 704 West Nye Lane, Suite 204, Carson City location. The office will be moving into the new facility as of July 1st. Jenkins stated that, with the closure of the public Las Vegas office on July 1, Tami DeVries, Research Analyst, was invited to transfer with her position to the Carson City office but she declined the transfer.

Jenkins stated that she is compiling an ethics manual and also working with State Personnel to make a DVD of the ethics training presentations to be available on the Commission website.

Jenkins stated that the agency's legislative package is due June 30, 2010 to LCB.

Commission Counsel Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson gave a brief update on the Carrigan case.

Ms. Nevarez-Goodson stated that the Commission's bill draft request has been finalized and that Ms. Jenkins presented the package to the Governor's office, which included all of the Commission justifications and a summary of all of the changes that were made.

A lunch recess was taken at 12:13 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 1:19 p.m.

6. Open session for Chairman's Announcement. Nomination and election of Commission Chairman and Vice Chairman, effective immediately and continuing through FY2010-11.

Chairman George Keele resigned as Chairman of the Nevada Commission on Ethics. Chairman Keele moved that Vice Chairman John T. Moran, III, be nominated Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner James Shaw. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Keele passed the gavel to Chairman Moran, effective immediately.

Commissioner Moran moved that Erik Beyer, be appointed as the Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Marvel. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Open session for Commissioner comments.

Commissioner Gregory Gale asked whether the Commission was going to amend NRS 284.143 with regard to the executive director and the commission counsel pursuing outside employment and 2) whether NRS 281A.400(1) regarding public officers functioning as public employees could be amended to make that conflict more clear. A discussion followed and it was decided that this issue would be put on the June agenda for discussion and possible action.

8. Open Session for public comment.

No public comment was made.

9. Adjournment.

Chairman Moran adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

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