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COMMISSION ON ETHICS

March 7, 2011

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

The Commission on Ethics held a public meeting on Monday, March 7, 2011, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the following location:

State of Nevada, Nevada Commission on Ethics
704 West Nye Lane, Suite 204
Carson City, Nevada 89703

Some Commissioners appeared via tele-conferencing.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call.

Chairman J. T. Moran, III, Esq. called the meeting to order and introduced the Commissioners at 9:09 a.m. Monday, March 7, 2011.

Present via tele-conferencing in Las Vegas, Nevada were Chairman, J. T. Moran, III, Esq., Commissioner Magdalena Groover and Investigator Michel Vavra, M.P.A. Also present via tele-conferencing from Henderson, Nevada was Commissioner Gregory Gale.

Present in Carson City, Nevada were Vice Chairman Erik Beyer, Commissioners George M. Keele, Esq., Paul H. Lamboley, Esq., James Shaw and John W. Marvel. Also present in Carson City were Executive Director Caren Jenkins, Esq., and Commission Counsel Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson, Esq.

2. Closed Session pursuant to NRS 281A.440(15) to hear testimony, receive evidence, deliberate and render an advisory opinion regarding Request for Opinion No. 11-25A, submitted pursuant to NRS 281A.440(1).

This portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

3. Closed Session pursuant to NRS 281A.440(15) to hear testimony, receive evidence, deliberate and render an advisory opinion regarding Request for Opinion No. 11-26A, submitted pursuant to NRS 281A.440(1).

This portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

4. Open Session for Agency, Operations and Legislative Update.

Executive Director Caren Jenkins provided the Commission an update on measures introduced in the current legislative session which affect NRS Chapter 281A. Two of the bills are the Secretary of State's measures regarding proposed changes to the handling of Financial Disclosure Statements. Additionally, Ms. Jenkins summarized AB 184 regarding a two-year cooling off period for legislators.

In response to the Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections' request for a Bill Draft Request ("BDR"), the Commissioner submitted a measure to Senator Parks. Upon return from LCB, Ms. Jenkins believes Senator Parks will introduce the bill.

Ms. Jenkins provided the Commission an update on the proposed agency budget and staffing.

Ms. Jenkins outlined the lease of a new color copier and funding for travel to Washington, D.C. Ms. Nevarez-Goodson reported that the brief for the Commission in the Carrigan case has been filed with the U. S. Supreme Court, together with several *amici* briefs. She awaits the opposition brief, to which a reply will be filed.

5. Open Session for Commissioner comments on matters including, without limitation, future agenda items, upcoming meeting dates and meeting procedures.

Commissioner Gale questioned whether the Commission's BDR included changes regarding the definition of public officers. Ms. Nevarez-Goodson explained changes to the language to reflect the Commission's direction.

6. Open Session for public comment. Limited to not more than three (3) minutes per person.

No public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

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Minutes approved September 13, 2011:

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Vice-Chairman