

STATE OF NEVADA



COMMISSION ON ETHICS

COMMISSION PANEL DETERMINATION
REGARDING JUST AND SUFFICIENT CAUSE
NRS 281.511(3)

COMMISSION PANEL: GEORGE KEELE AND JIM KOSINSKI

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR OPINION
CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF
Candice Trummell, Chairman
Nye County Commission

Request for Opinion
No. 05-18

On December 2, 2005, pursuant to NRS 281.462, a Commission panel reviewed the Executive Director's Report and Recommendations Regarding Just and Sufficient Cause, the request for opinion filed herein, and all related documents and determined that just and sufficient cause exists for the Commission to hold a hearing and render an opinion on the allegations that Ms. Trummell violated the provisions of NRS 281.501(4). The panel split 1-1 regarding whether just and sufficient cause similarly exists on the allegation that Ms. Trummell violated the provisions of NRS 281.501(2); therefore, pursuant to NAC 281.194(2), the issue moves forward to the full Commission for hearing. Specifically, the panel forwarded to the full Commission the question of whether Ms. Trummell violated NRS 281.501(2) when she participated in and voted on a county resolution which, if the resolution had been adopted, had the potential to benefit her mother's private interests in seeking approval from Nye County for a flexible work schedule. Further, Ms. Trummell failed to disclose her commitment in a private capacity to the interests of her mother on both dates the issue was discussed by the Nye County Commission – on January 3, 2005 and January 18, 2005 – in potential violation of NRS 281.501(4).

The Request for Opinion is, therefore, REFERRED TO THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS, and is scheduled for hearing on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

DATED: December 2, 2005

Stacy M. Jennings
Stacy M. Jennings, MPA, Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Ethics and that on this day at Carson City, Nevada, I placed a true and correct copy of the Commission Panel Determination Regarding Just and Sufficient Cause in a Federal Express envelope and caused it to be sent via overnight delivery service, addressed as follows:

Candice Trummell, Chairman
Nye County Commission
1510 E. Basin Road
Pahrump, NV 89060

Dated: December 2, 2005

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