

STATE OF NEVADA



COMMISSION ON ETHICS

**COMMISSION PANEL DETERMINATION
REGARDING JUST AND SUFFICIENT CAUSE
NRS 281A.440.3**

COMMISSION PANEL: RANDALL CAPURRO AND JIM KOSINSKI

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR OPINION
CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF
PAMELA SMITH, President of Board
of Trustees of Storey County School District**

**Request for Opinion
No. 07-43C**

On November 20, 2007, pursuant to NRS 281A.400.3, a Commission Panel reviewed the Executive Director's Report and Recommendation Regarding Just and Sufficient Cause, the request for opinion, and all related documents on the allegation that Ms. Smith violated NRS 281A.400.2 by using her position on the school board to secure an unwarranted privilege, preference, or advantage for herself. Allegedly, on October 25, 2007, she obtained four bottles of water for the VIP guests from the high school's concession stand after signing an IOU and later paying for the bottled water.

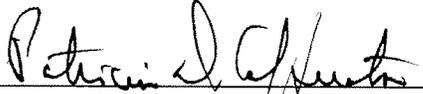
The Nevada Commission on Ethics has jurisdiction to render a decision in this matter, pursuant to NRS 281A.280 and NRS 281A.440.2(b).

Pursuant to NAC 281.194, a finding by a panel that no just and sufficient cause exists for the Commission to render an opinion on an ethics complaint must be unanimous. In this matter, Commissioner Kosinski voted that just and sufficient cause exists, while Commissioner Capurro voted against this finding. Therefore, the Panel's vote was split on whether just and sufficient cause exists. Accordingly, this matter must be heard by the Ethics Commission.

Therefore, the Request for Opinion is REFERRED TO THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS with regard to the allegations concerning NRS 281A.400.3. A hearing on this matter is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.**

at the Nevada Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada, in Room 3137.

DATED: November 20, 2007.



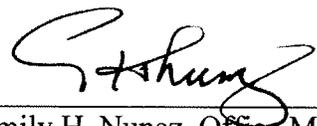
Patricia D. Cafferata, Esq.
Executive Director

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 an envelope and caused same to be delivered via Reno-Carson messenger Service delivery as follows:

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Dated: November 21, 2007



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