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Stipulated Agreements in Three Complaint Cases Approved by Commission on Ethics

RENO, NEVADA (August 23, 2023) – The Nevada Commission on Ethics approved three stipulated agreements as part of their August meeting. The first case involved the former director of Hawthorne Utilities Larry Grant, who did not properly separate his private business interests and his public position. The second case involved Pershing County Undersheriff Eric Blondheim, who used a county law enforcement notification app to promote a political candidate's campaign during the 2022 election cycle. The third case addressed a disclosure and abstention issue related to Incline Village General Improvement District Trustee Raymond Tulloch and his private employment.

The Commission agreed to enter into separate stipulated deferral agreements with all three individuals. They will be required to complete training on the ethics law and maintain compliance with the ethics law for two years. If they comply with the terms of the agreement and maintain compliance, their cases will be dismissed.

In addition, the Commission approved the final order in *In re Lombardo*, Consolidated Case Nos. 21-062C/ 21-082C and ruled on a Motion for Reconsideration in *In re Rodriguez*, Case No. 22-051C. Finally, The Commission also approved its annual report for fiscal year 2023 to be published later this year.

A Review Panel of the Commission met the same day and made the following final determination:

In re McNally, Community Engagement Director, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District

Ethics Case No. 23-063C Determination: Dismissed

The next meeting of the Commission will be October 18 in Las Vegas.

Meeting Materials: https://ethics.nv.gov/Meetings/2023/2023/

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