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PRESS RELEASE

Cooling Off and Campaign Cases Resolved with Stipulated Agreements

CARSON CITY, NEVADA (February 17, 2023) – With a 4 to 2 vote, the Nevada Commission on Ethics accepted a stipulated agreement at its February 15, 2023 meeting. The agreement between former Washoe Regional Transportation Chair Neoma Jardon and the Commission noted several mitigating factors in the case resulting in a single non-willful violation related to the cooling off provisions of the Nevada Ethics Law. Jardon began work at the Downtown Reno Partnership inside of the one-year cooling off period established by NRS 281A.550.

In addition to the Jardon matter, the Commission resolved a case involving City of Reno Fire Chief David Cochran who appeared with his badge in a video used by the 'Catherine Cortez Masto for Senate' Campaign. Cochran agreed to accept one willful violation of the Ethics Law and will receive an admonishment from the Commission. He will also be required to complete ethics training.

The Commission also held a Review Panel which made the following final determinations:

- In re Enfield case 22-112C (Washoe County School District)
 - o Determination: Dismissal with Letter of Instruction
- *In re Allen* case 22-123C (Pershing County Sheriff's Office)
 - Determination: Dismissal with Letter of Caution

The next meeting of the Commission will be on March 15.

Meeting Materials: <u>https://ethics.nv.gov/Meetings/2023/2023/</u>

Panel Determinations: https://ethics.nv.gov/Opinions/

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