



STATE OF NEVADA

BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re **Lawrence Weekly**, Chair,
Board of Directors, Las Vegas
Convention and Visitors Authority,
State of Nevada,

Request for Opinion No. **18-062C**

Subject. /

**REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION
AND REFERRAL ORDER**
NRS 281A.725; NAC 281A.440

The Nevada Commission on Ethics ("Commission") initiated this Ethics Complaint No. 18-062C ("Complaint") on August 15, 2018, regarding the alleged conduct of Lawrence Weekly ("Weekly"), the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority ("LVCVA"), in violation of the Ethics in Government Law set forth in NRS Chapter 281A ("Ethics Law"). The Complaint alleges that Weekly accepted various improper gifts and used his official position and/or government time/resources to acquire airline gift cards purchased with LVCVA funds to pay for personal travel. The Commission issued its *Order Initiating an Ethics Complaint, Accepting Jurisdiction and Directing an Investigation* on August 20, 2018, instructing the Executive Director to conduct an investigation regarding alleged violations of NRS 281A.400(1), (2), (5), (7) and (9).

Weekly is a public officer as defined in NRS 281A.160. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to NRS 281A.280 because the allegations contained in the Complaint relate to Weekly's conduct as a public officer and have associated implications under the Ethics Law.

On December 4, 2018, a Review Panel ("Panel") consisting of Commissioners Barbara Gruenewald, Esq. (Presiding Officer), Kim Wallin, CPA, and Amanda Yen, Esq., reviewed the following: 1) Ethics Complaint No. 18-062C; 2) Order Initiating Complaint, Accepting Jurisdiction and Directing an Investigation; 3) Subject's Response to the Complaint; 4) Investigator's Report; and 5) Executive Director's Recommendation to the Review Panel.¹

Under NAC 281A.430, as amended by Section 55 of Approved Regulation R108-18, the Panel unanimously finds and concludes that there is just and sufficient cause for the Commission to render an opinion in the matter regarding the allegations pertaining to NRS 281A.400(1), (2), (7) and (9) related to Weekly's use of airline gift cards purchased with LVCVA funds for personal travel.

¹ All materials provided to the Panel, except the Ethics Complaint, represent portions of the investigatory file and remain confidential pursuant to NRS 281A.725.

However, the Panel unanimously finds and concludes that there is not just and sufficient cause for the Commission to render an opinion in the matter for alleged violations pertaining to NRS 281A.400(5) regarding misuse of nonpublic information and NRS 281A.400(1), (2), (7) and (9) regarding Weekly's acceptance of various gifts. Therefore, there will be no further action regarding these allegations.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Based upon the just and sufficient cause determination, the Review Panel refers Ethics Complaint No. 18-062C to the Commission to render an opinion regarding the alleged violations of NRS 281A.400(1), (2), (7) and (9) regarding the use of the LVCVA airline gift cards.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2018.

NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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Commissioner/
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