



**STATE OF NEVADA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**
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**MINUTES
of the meeting of the
NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

The Commission on Ethics held a public meeting on
Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.
at the following location:

**Nevada Commission on Ethics
704 W. Nye Lane
Suite 204
Carson City, NV 89703**

These minutes constitute a summary of the above proceedings of the Nevada Commission on Ethics. Verbatim transcripts are available for public inspection at the Commission's office located in Carson City.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chair Cheryl A. Lau, Esq. appeared in Carson City and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Also appearing in Carson City were Commissioners P.K. O'Neill and Kim Wallin, CPA. Appearing telephonically were Vice-Chair Keith A. Weaver, Esq. and Commissioners Brian Duffrin, Barbara Gruenewald, Esq., Teresa Lowry, Esq., and Amanda Yen, Esq. Present for Commission staff in Carson City were Executive Director Yvonne M. Nevarez-Goodson, Esq., Commission Counsel Tracy L. Chase, Esq., Associate Counsel Judy Prutzman, Esq., Executive Assistant Kari Pedroza and Investigator Erron Terry.

The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

2. Public Comment.

The Chair asked for public comment. No members of the public were present and no public comment was provided.

3. Approval of Minutes of the October 17, 2018 Commission Meeting.

Chair Lau stated that Commissioner Yen was excused from voting on this matter as she was not present at the October meeting and that Commissioner Gruenewald could approve the minutes excluding Item 5 as she was a member of the review panel regarding that matter.

Executive Director Nevarez-Goodson commented that the verbatim transcript of the October Meeting is available for review by any member of the public at the Commission's office since the minutes are only summary.

Commissioner Wallin moved to accept the October 17, 2018 Minutes. Chair Lau seconded the motion. The Motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously with Commissioner Yen abstaining and Commissioner Gruenewald abstaining from the approval of Item 5.

4. Report by the Executive Director on agency status and operations and possible direction thereon. Items to be discussed include:
 - Education and Outreach by the Commission
 - Commission Meeting Schedule
 - Commission's 2019 Bill Draft Request No. 23-191

Education and Outreach by the Commission: Executive Director Nevarez-Goodson provided an updated list for the fiscal year for the Commission's outreach and education. She informed the Commission that since the publication of the list she has received numerous inquiries requesting Ethics in Government Law training and that she anticipates additional requests for training for the newly elected officials.

Commissioner Wallin asked Executive Director Nevarez-Goodson if Commissioners could assist with providing educational sessions to the public on a voluntary basis. The Executive Director confirmed that she would welcome input and assistance from Commissioners and that she looked forward to coordinating with interested Commissioners.

Commission Meeting Schedule: Executive Director Nevarez-Goodson referenced the 2019 Commission Meeting schedule provided to the Commission and reiterated that meetings would be scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month and asked that Commissioners be available on these days.

Commission's 2019 Bill Draft Request No. 23-191: The Executive Director provided an update to the Commission on the status of the proposed Bill Draft Request (BDR). She reported that staff has not yet received a draft of the proposed BDR from the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), but the pre-filing deadline was extended. She informed the Commission that concerns had been raised by the drafters about the constitutionality of certain proposed provisions with respect to the issue of legislative privilege and immunity, and staff would be meeting with the LCB drafters to discuss their concerns. Executive Director Nevarez-Goodson stated that she anticipates receipt of a draft of the BDR shortly, she will review it with staff and provide it to the Commission.

Commissioner Yen made a motion to accept the Executive Director's report. Commissioner Gruenewald seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

5. Authorization for Commission Counsel to represent and defend the Nevada Commission on Ethics ("Commission") in legal proceedings filed by Frederick H. Shull, Jr., as plaintiff, identified as Case No. A-18-783874C, in the Eighth Judicial District Court, State of Nevada, naming the Commission, as defendant, including, without limitation, authority to file pleadings, motions, notices, writs, appeals, or any other documents in any court of competent jurisdiction. A court of competent jurisdiction includes any Nevada District Court, the Nevada Appellate Court, the Nevada Supreme Court and any Federal Court which accepts subject matter jurisdiction over the case or underlying controversy.

Commission Counsel Chase notified the Commission that while the Commission has not yet been served in the matter referenced on the Agenda, the Executive Director received an email about the complaint against the Commission. She asked the Commission for the authority to defend the Commission in any court of competent jurisdiction in which Mr. Shull may file, as well as the authority to file an appeal on behalf of the Commission if indicated.

Commissioner Lowry made a motion to provide full authorization to Commission Counsel to represent and defend the Commission in any legal proceedings filed by Mr. Shull in any court of competent jurisdiction. Commissioner Wallin seconded the motion. The Motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

6. Commissioner comments and identification of future agenda items. No action will be taken under this agenda item.

No commissioner comments.

7. Public Comment.

No public comment.

8. Adjournment.

Commissioner Wallin made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Commissioner O'Neill seconded the motion. The Motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes prepared by:

/s/ Kari Pedroza

Kari Pedroza
Executive Assistant

/s/ Yvonne M. Nevarez-Goodson

Yvonne M. Nevarez-Goodson, Esq.
Executive Director

Minutes approved January 16, 2019:

/s/ Cheryl A. Lau

Cheryl A. Lau, Esq.
Chair

/s/ Keith A. Weaver

Keith A. Weaver, Esq.
Vice-Chair