

Agenda Item 4



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Brian Duffrin was appointed to the Nevada Commission on Ethics by the Governor and has served with great distinction as a valued member from October 2016 to October 2023, including 3 years as the Vice Chair upon unanimous election by his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Brian was raised in Nevada, receiving his Bachelor of Science in Managerial Sciences and Certificate of Professional Development in Hotel/ Gaming Management from the University of Nevada, Reno; and

WHEREAS, a true government servant, Brian first began his estimable State career with the Nevada Gaming Control Board in 1989, and held various positions within the Agency before retiring as the Chief of the Board's Administrative Division in 2016, where his whole-hearted dedication to the State of Nevada and its public was evident; and

WHEREAS, Brian, served two, four-year terms on the Commission during a transformative period wherein the Commission fulfilled its mission to ensure the public's trust in government through increased outreach and education, including State-wide training presentations, issuance of detailed confidential advisory opinions, and the development of substantive statutory provisions and procedural regulations to enhance ethical responsibilities of public officers and employees while ensuring fairness and due process of law in Commission proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Brian's leadership, commitment and passion for proper government accountability promoted the Commission's annual priorities in many fiscal, legislative and judicial forums and was particularly instrumental in the creation of the Commission's Guiding Principles and Brand design development; and

WHEREAS, Brian's community service endeavors are exemplified by his previous appointment to the State Committee of Catastrophic Leave and the State Bar Northern Nevada Disciplinary Board, as well as, his current voluntary service as Vice-Chair of the Carson Tahoe Hospital Regional Healthcare Board of Trustees; and

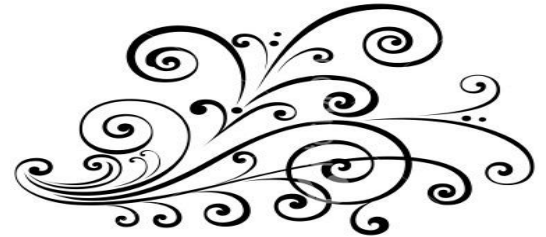
WHEREAS, Brian's lasting imprint on the Nevada Commission on Ethics will showcase his immeasurable contributions, unwavering support of staff and colleagues, integrity and professionalism in mediating, diplomacy in leadership, and tenacity for all things Nevada; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Members and Staff of the Nevada Commission on Ethics hereby express their extensive gratitude to Brian for his dedicated service to the State of Nevada and to the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Kim Wallin, Chair
NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

Agenda Item 5



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Barbara Gruenewald was appointed to the Nevada Commission on Ethics by the Legislative Commission, and has served with great distinction as a valued member from October 2015 to October 2023; and

WHEREAS, Barbara was born in South Dakota, receiving her Bachelor of Science from the University of Nevada, Reno, and her Juris Doctorate from the McGeorge School of Law; and

WHEREAS, in her private capacity, after graduating from law school in 1979, Barbara's legal skills were enhanced at a private law firm for four years before she joined the State Industrial Claimants' Attorney's Office in 1983, where she represented injured workers. Barbara continued this representation and was appointed the head of the agency just one year later in 1984, highlighting her service to this demographic for the next six years. In 1990, Barbara opened her own law firm and continued her career focus on representing injured workers, family law and probate law; and

WHEREAS, Barbara, served two, four-year terms on the Commission during a transformative period wherein the Commission fulfilled its mission to ensure the public's trust in government through increased outreach and education, including State-wide training presentations, issuance of detailed confidential advisory opinions, and the development of substantive statutory provisions and procedural regulations to enhance ethical responsibilities of public officers and employees while ensuring fairness and due process of law in Commission proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Barbara's tremendous legal acumen, commitment and passion for proper government accountability promoted the Commission's annual priorities in many fiscal, legislative and judicial forums and was particularly instrumental in steering litigation and the issuance of thoughtful, well-reasoned opinions. In her service as Presiding Officer over numerous settlement conferences on behalf of the Commission, Barbara consistently demonstrated a professional judicial demeanor intent on fair and equitable resolutions; and

WHEREAS, Barbara's lasting imprint on the Nevada Commission on Ethics will showcase her unwavering professionalism, dedication to integrity and upholding Ethics in Government, with her most memorable attributes being her compassion, consistency, and mild-mannered collaborative nature, which always recognized the public, Nevada's public officers and employees and contributions of colleagues and staff; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Members and Staff of the Nevada Commission on Ethics hereby express their extensive gratitude to Barbara for her dedicated service to the State of Nevada and to the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Kim Wallin, Chair
NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

Agenda Item 6



Proclamation

WHEREAS, James Oscarson was appointed to the Nevada Commission on Ethics by the Governor and has served with great distinction as a valued member from April 2021 to June 2023; and

WHEREAS, a public servant through and through, James was elected to the Nevada State Assembly, representing District 36 in 2012, where he honorably served in three Regular Sessions and four Special Sessions of the Nevada State Legislature. Notably, during his tenure as an Assemblyman, James was Chair of the Assembly Committee for Health and Human Services and Assembly Co-Deputy Minority Floor Leader in 2017, James's dedication to the State of Nevada and his constituents was further apparent in his service on Interim Committees such as the Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste, the Committee on Industrial Programs, Committee to Consult With the Director, the Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study Water, the Legislative Committee on Health Care and the Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease; and

WHEREAS, James served for over 2 years on the Nevada Commission on Ethics during a time of growth wherein the Ethics Commission fulfilled its mission to ensure the public's trust in government through outreach and education, including State-wide training presentations, issuance of detailed opinions in contested cases and advisory matters, and through the development of substantive statutory provisions and procedural regulations to enhance ethical responsibilities of public officers and employees while ensuring fairness and due process; and

WHEREAS, as Commissioner, James's leadership, legislative and budget expertise, public policy experience and accountability strengths empowered the Commission and were instrumental in steering the Commission's strategic budget and policy proposals. James accomplished this work serving on both the Legislative and Personnel subcommittees; and

WHEREAS, James demanded the utmost ethical integrity of Nevada's public officers and employees, having served in various public roles throughout his career, and appreciating the public's trust in government free from conflicts of interest. James's tenacity for accountability and impartiality will forever showcase his integrity with the most memorable personal attributes being his positive outlook, charismatic and approachable personality, and most importantly, his terrific sense of humor; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Members and Staff of the Nevada Commission on Ethics hereby commend James for his contribution, and express their extensive gratitude and respect to James for his dedicated service to the State of Nevada and the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Kim Wallin, Chair
NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS