



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, May 30, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.
at the following location:

**State Bar of Nevada
9456 Double R Boulevard, Suite B
Reno, NV 89521**

Zoom Meeting Information

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83154789050?pwd=NEtzdUh2UDNCaIVXZHJIVEV6cWJlQT09>

Zoom Meeting Telephone Number: 720-707-2699

Meeting ID: 831 5478 9050

Passcode: 578791

These minutes constitute a summary of the above proceedings of the Nevada Commission on Ethics. A recording of the meeting is available for public inspection at the Commission's office and on the [Commission's YouTube channel](#).

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chair Kim Wallin, CPA, CMA, CFM appeared in-person at the State Bar of Nevada office in Reno and called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Vice-Chair Brian Duffrin and Commissioners Barbara Gruenewald, Esq. and Thoran Towler, Esq. also appeared in-person. Commissioner Teresa Lowry, Esq. appeared via Zoom videoconference. Commissioners James Oscarson and Amanda Yen, Esq. were excused. Present for Commission staff in Reno were Executive Director Ross E. Armstrong, Esq., Associate Counsel Elizabeth J. Bassett, Esq., Senior Legal Researcher Wendy Pfaff and Executive Assistant Kari Pedroza. Deputy Attorney General Laena St-Jules, Esq. also appeared in person in Reno.

2. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes of the May 17, 2023, Personnel Subcommittee Meeting.

Chair Wallin stated that only she and Vice-Chair Duffrin were present for the May 17, 2023 Personnel Subcommittee Meeting.

Vice-Chair Duffrin moved to approve the May 17, 2023, Personnel Subcommittee Meeting Minutes as presented. Chair Wallin seconded the motion. The Motion was put to a vote and carried as follows:

Chair Wallin:	Aye.
Vice-Chair Duffrin:	Aye.

4. Approval of Minutes of the May 17, 2023, Commission Meeting.

Chair Wallin stated that all Commissioners were present for the May 17 Commission Meeting, except for Commissioners Oscarson and Towler who were excused and therefore precluded from participating in this item.

Commissioner Gruenewald moved to approve the May 17, 2023, Commission Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Lowry seconded the motion. The Motion was put to a vote and carried as follows:

Chair Wallin:	Aye.
Vice-Chair Duffrin:	Aye.
Commissioner Gruenewald:	Aye.
Commissioner Lowry:	Aye.
Commissioner Towler:	Abstain.

5. Interviews and consideration of candidates for the Commission Counsel position, and possible appointment of an applicant to the Commission Counsel position. The Commission may consider the character and professional competence of the following candidates for the Commission Counsel position:

- 1.) Brandi Jensen
- 2.) Chris Davis

Chair Wallin introduced the agenda item stating that the Commission would be conducting interviews of each of the two Commission Counsel applicants, the candidates will present their presentations to the Commission and after the interviews and presentations the Commission would deliberate regarding its selection of the new Commission Counsel.

The Commission then interviewed the two candidates separately in the following order: Brandi Jensen and Chris Davis. The Commission took a twenty-minute break between interviews.

Chair Wallin expressed her gratitude to each of the applicants.

Following a ten-minute break, the Commission deliberated publicly regarding its impression of the candidates, mentioning each applicant's perceived assets and what they might bring to the Commission staff team.

Commissioner Lowry extended her gratitude to the Personnel Subcommittee for its efforts in initial interviews with the candidates. She shared her preference for Brandi Jensen as the appointee to the Commission Counsel position.

Commissioner Gruenewald agreed with Commissioner Lowry.

Commissioner Towler echoed Commissioner Lowry's appreciation of the Personnel Subcommittee and noted that Ms. Jensen was his choice as well.

Vice-Chair Duffrin moved that the Commission extend an offer of the Commission Counsel position to Brandi Jensen, Esq. contingent upon the background and reference check results. Commissioner Gruenewald seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

6. Commissioner Comments on matters including, without limitation, identification of future agenda items, upcoming meeting dates and meeting procedures. No action will be taken under this agenda item.

Chair Wallin welcomed Wendy Pfaff to the Commission's staff as the new Senior Legal Researcher.

7. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment.

Commissioner Towler made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Commissioner Gruenewald seconded the motion. The Motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Minutes prepared by:

/s/ Kari Pedroza

Kari Pedroza
Executive Assistant

/s/ Ross Armstrong

Ross Armstrong, Esq.
Executive Director

Minutes approved June 13, 2023:

/s/ Kim Wallin

Kim Wallin, CPA, CMA, CFM
Chair

/s/ Brian Duffrin

Brian Duffrin
Vice-Chair