



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

The Commission on Ethics held a public meeting on
Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.
at the following location:

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

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 the [Commission's YouTube channel](#).

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chair Scott Scherer, Esq. appeared in person in Reno and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Vice Chair Kim Wallin, CPA, CMA, CFM and Commissioners Teresa Lowry, Esq., John Miller, Terry Reynolds, and Brianna Smith, Esq. also appeared in person. Commissioner John T. Moran III, Esq., appeared via Zoom videoconference. Commissioner Michael E. Langton, Esq., joined the meeting after roll call. Present for Commission staff in Reno were Executive Director Ross E. Armstrong, Esq., Commission Counsel Elizabeth J. Bassett, Esq., Investigator Erron Terry, and Executive Assistant Elvira Saldaña. Acting Associate Counsel Curtis Hazlett was excused.

2. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes of the June 18, 2025, Commission Meeting.

Chair Scott Scherer asked Commissioners if there were any questions or corrections to the meeting minutes.

Vice Chair Wallin stated on agenda item #9 she welcomed the intern to the team, and she thanked Commission staff for doing a great job. Vice Chair Wallin requested a change to the meeting minutes to reflect that she thanked the Commission staff and not Senior Legal Researcher Intern McMahon.

Commissioner Reynolds moved to approve the June 18, 2025, Commission Meeting Minutes with Vice Chair Wallin's suggested correction. Vice Chair Wallin seconded the motion. The Motion was put to a vote and carried as follows:

Chair Scherer: Aye.

Vice Chair Wallin: Aye.

Commissioner Lowry: Aye.

Commissioner Miller: Aye.

Commissioner Moran: Aye.

Commissioner Reynolds: Aye.

Commissioner Smith: Aye.

Commissioner Langton was not present.

4. Consideration and review of the draft Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report presented by the Executive Director pursuant to NAC 281A.180(2), and possible direction thereon.

Executive Director Armstrong provided background information on the annual report. The report must be approved by the end of October. Between now and the October meeting, adjustments will be made. The report includes a welcome letter from the Chair and the Executive Director, background on the Commission, staff, guiding principles, operational highlights, incoming case data, a strategic plan section, a fiscal update, regulatory and legislative status, and outreach and education updates. The appendix includes all the cases that have been resolved, the results of the cases, and additional data. Executive Director Armstrong welcomed any feedback.

Vice Chair Wallin stated she would like the report to be shortened. The implementation of the strategic plan and the outreach and education section is very detailed. Vice Chair Wallin suggested shortening those sections and including highlights. Vice Chair Wallin also noticed some of the graphs do not match the verbiage.

Commissioner Reynolds stated he would like the case trends expanded. It is important to show the major areas where the cases are trending.

Executive Director Armstrong stated the section is new in the report and it is great feedback.

Commissioner Lowry asked if there is any value in having an internal Commission copy that is longer for purposes of historical record and accountability.

Executive Director Armstrong mentioned that there may be an opportunity to share the full report along with one-page data summaries. Options will be explored.

Chair Scherer suggested adding a notation on Appendix A or B stating the number of cases that were dismissed or resolved short of a review panel, however, due to confidentiality, details cannot be provided.

Vice Chair Wallin suggested the Advisory Opinions be organized by the main topics.

No action was taken on this item.

5. Report by Executive Director on agency status and operations.

Executive Director Armstrong stated the Commission is currently recruiting for the Senior Legal Researcher position. The recruitment closes mid-September. The Commission's former Executive Assistant is now with the Department of Taxation, and Elvira Saldaña has taken over the position. Regarding the strategic plan, Executive Director Armstrong is working on compiling the documents to release the Request for Proposal (RFP). Commission staff are working with the fiscal department to fully close out fiscal year 2025. A cabinet meeting was held last week with the Governor, and they presented their budget timeframe. Items for the budget are due early spring next year and a submission in the fall. In July, there were 2 review panels. There may be a meeting on September 3, 2025, along with panels. The next meeting will be in Las Vegas on October 15, 2025. The November 12, 2025, meeting will be in Reno. At the November meeting, the proposed meeting dates for 2026 will be presented.

Chair Scherer noted for the record at 10:23 a.m. that Commissioner Langton joined the meeting via telephone. Chair Scherer asked Commissioners if there were any questions or comments for Executive Director Armstrong.

There were no questions or comments.

6. Nominations and election of the Commission Chair and Commission Vice Chair for the upcoming fiscal year.

Commissioner Moran stated he could make a motion.

Vice Chair Wallin stated she would like to make a few comments. Vice Chair Wallin provided background information on how the Chair and Vice Chair have been previously nominated. Vice Chair Wallin provided qualifications the Commissioners should consider and shared attendance records for the members. Vice Chair Wallin asked Chair Scherer if he would like to continue being the Chair.

Chair Scherer stated he would be willing to continue being the Chair.

Vice Chair Wallin stated she would be willing to continue being Vice Chair.

Chair Scherer asked Commissioners if there were any comments.

Commissioner Moran made a motion to nominate Chair Scherer to be the Chair and Commissioner Smith to be the Vice Chair. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. Chair Scherer asked if there was any discussion.

Commissioner Reynolds stated it is important to separate the nominations and asked if there was any reason why they cannot take each one separately.

Executive Director Armstrong stated he would defer to Commission Counsel Bassett, however, he does not think there is a requirement that there be one motion for both positions.

Commissioner Moran commented last year the Commission took both nominations and were voted on. Commissioner Moran stated there currently is a motion on the floor and he would like to see it voted on, unless there is additional comment.

Chair Scherer stated there is a motion and a second. Chair Scherer asked Commissioner Reynolds if he would like to withdraw his second.

Commissioner Reynolds stated he would like to withdraw his second because he would like each one to be handled separately.

Commissioner Moran amended his motion to remove the Vice Chair and consider it separately. Commissioner Moran made a motion for Chair Scherer to continue being the Chair. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion. The Motion was put to a vote and carried as follows:

Chair Scherer: Aye.

Vice Chair Wallin: Aye.

Commissioner Lowry: Aye.

Commissioner Miller: Aye.

Commissioner Moran: Aye.

Commissioner Reynolds: Aye.

Commissioner Smith: Aye.

Commissioner Langton: Aye.

Commissioner Moran made a motion to appoint Commissioner Smith as the Vice Chair.

Chair Scherer asked if there was a second to the motion. Hearing none, the motion failed. Chair Scherer asked if there was another motion.

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to reappoint Vice Chair Wallin as the Vice Chair. Commissioner Lowry seconded the motion. There was no comment. The Motion was put to a vote and carried as follows:

Chair Scherer: Aye.

Vice Chair Wallin: Aye.

Commissioner Lowry: Aye.

Commissioner Miller: Aye.

Commissioner Moran: Aye.

Commissioner Reynolds: Aye.

Commissioner Smith: Aye.

Commissioner Langton: Aye.

Commissioner Langton left the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

7. 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.

Vice Chair Wallin welcomed Executive Assistant Elvira Saldaña to the Commission.

Commissioner Reynolds commented that the senior IT member from Business & Industry retired and is going to be doing contract work part time. He informed Executive Director Armstrong he would be a good candidate to consider.

Chair Scherer thanked the Commissioners for their confidence in him going forward. Chair Scherer congratulated Vice Chair Wallin and welcomed Executive Assistant Elvira Saldaña.

8. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Vice Chair Wallin seconded the motion. The Motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

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Minutes approved September 23, 2025

Scott Scherer, Esq.
Chair

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