



**STATE OF NEVADA**

**BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

In re **Steven Morris**, City Attorney,  
City of Boulder City,  
State of Nevada,

Ethics Complaint  
Case No. 20-007C

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**REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION AND REFERRAL ORDER**  
NRS 281A.730; NAC 281A.440

The Nevada Commission on Ethics ("Commission") received Ethics Complaint No. 20-007C on January 23, 2020, regarding the alleged conduct of Steven Morris ("Morris"), City Attorney, City of Boulder City, State of Nevada. On March 9, 2020, the Commission instructed the Executive Director to investigate alleged violations of NRS 281A.420(1) and (3).

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

On May 20, 2020, a Review Panel ("Panel") consisting of Commissioners Barbara Gruenewald, Esq. (Presiding Officer), Brian Duffrin and Amanda Yen, Esq. reviewed the following: (1) Ethics Complaint No 20-007C (2) Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation in Ethics Complaint No. 20-007C; (3) Morris' Response to the Complaint; and (4) Executive Director's Recommendation to the Review Panel with Summary of Investigatory Findings.<sup>1</sup>

Under NAC 281A.430, the Panel unanimously finds and concludes that the facts establish credible evidence to support a determination that just and sufficient cause exists for the Commission to render an opinion in the matter regarding the alleged violations of NRS 281A.420(1) and (3).

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<sup>1</sup>All materials provided to the Panel, except the Ethics Complaint and the Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation, represent portions of the investigatory file and remain confidential pursuant to NRS 281A.750.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Based upon the just and sufficient cause determination, the Review Panel refers Ethics Complaint No. 20-007C to the Commission to render an opinion regarding whether Morris violated NRS 281A.420(1) and (3) through his alleged failure to disclose and abstain on an agenda item before the City Council of Boulder City concerning his contract as City Attorney.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2020.

NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

By: /s/ Barbara Gruenewald  
Cheryl A. Lau, Esq.  
Chair/Presiding Officer

By: /s/ Brian Duffrin  
Brian Duffrin  
Commissioner

By: /s/ Amanda Yen  
Amanda Yen, Esq.  
Commissioner

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Ethics and that on this day in Carson City, Nevada, I transmitted a true and correct copy of the foregoing **PANEL DETERMINATION** via U.S. Certified Mail and electronic mail addressed as follows:

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Dated: 5/21/20



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Employee, Nevada Commission on Ethics