



**STATE OF NEVADA**

**BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

In re **Leonardo Blundo**, Member,  
Board of County Commissioners,  
Nye County, State of Nevada,

Ethics Complaint  
Consolidated  
Case Nos. 20-081C, 20-085C

Subject. /

**REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION AND REFERRAL ORDER**

NRS 281A.730; NAC 281A.440

The Nevada Commission on Ethics ("Commission") instructed the Executive Director to investigate alleged violations of NRS 281A.400(1), (2), (7) and (9) and 281A.420(1) and (3) in the captioned consolidated matters regarding the conduct of Leonardo Blundo ("Subject").

Subject 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 Complaints relate to Subject's conduct as a public officer and have associated implications under the Ethics Law.

On February 16, 2022, a Review Panel consisting of Vice-Chair Brian Duffrin (Presiding Officer) and Commissioners Barbara Gruenewald, Esq. and Damian Sheets, Esq. considered the following: (1) Ethics Complaints (2) Orders on Jurisdiction and Investigation; (3) Order on Consolidation; (4) Subject's Consolidated Response to the Complaint; (4) Executive Director's Recommendation to the Review Panel with Summary of Investigatory Findings and (5) Relevant Evidentiary Exhibits.<sup>1</sup>

Under NAC 281A.430, the Review Panel unanimously finds and concludes that the facts do not support a determination that just and sufficient cause exists for the Commission to render an opinion in the matter regarding the alleged violation of NRS 281A.400(1). Therefore, this allegation is dismissed.

The Review 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.400(2), (7) and (9) and 281A.420(1) and (3).

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<sup>1</sup>All materials provided to the Review 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 this Ethics Complaint to the Commission for further proceedings, which may include rendering an opinion on whether Subject violated NRS 281A.400(2), (7) and (9) and 281A.420(1) and (3).

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

REVIEW PANEL OF THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

By: /s/ Brian Duffrin  
Brian Duffrin  
Vice-Chair/Presiding Officer

By: /s/ Damian R. Sheets  
Damian R. Sheets, Esq.  
Commissioner

By: /s/ Barbara Gruenewald  
Barbara Gruenewald, 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 **REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION** via U.S. Certified Mail and electronic mail addressed as follows:

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